

## ORGANIZED LABOR'S TASK—FREE THEM!



**STILL STAUNCH** E. G. Ramsay, Earl King and Frank Conner, as they leave for Sart Quentin, to start a five-year-to-life sentence. They were framed in the Point Lobos ship murder case; a biased jury heard the case and a biased judge tried them. Will King, Ramsay and Conner have to serve their sentences, though innocent? Not if organized labor exerts enough influence to free them. Get your organization to pass resolutions for their freedom—send protests to Governor Merriam and the Prison Board!

## E. BAY LABOR HITS EMBARGO AGAINST SPAIN

**Demand Arms Be Sold To Spain To Fight Fascism; Spain Popular Front Govt. Pledges Independence to Morocco**

**OAKLAND**—The Roosevelt embargo against shipping arms to the legal, democratic Popular Front government of Spain, was branded as counter to the democratic and peace sentiments of the millions who voted Roosevelt into office last November, in a strong resolution adopted by the Alameda

## CAL. WORKERS CAN AID SPAIN!

**Office Helps Skilled Men Get to Spain**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—California workers who have wanted to go to Spain to help the Popular Front government fight against the Hitler-backed forces of General Franco, are now given that opportunity.

The American Society for Technical Democracy, recently organized in New York, has announced through its San Francisco representative, Tom Ward, the opening of offices at 320 Market St., Room 227.

Technicians may now make application for employment to Spain through this office by writing in for appointments or call for an interview between 3 and 5 p. m.

Skilled transportation and communication workers are especially needed by the Spanish government at this time, the New York office, at 31 East 27th St., stated.

**Skilled Workers Needed** Engineers, skilled workers such as miners, electricians, carpenters, mechanics and tool-and-die workers; professions, particularly doctors and nurses, must be found to replace Spanish workers needed for defense in the front line trenches.

The American Society requests that employees selected provide as much as possible toward their own transportation to New York, or even to Spain.

Individuals or organizations wishing to aid in the work of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy are urged to send donations at once. Every dollar contributed will help to release another fighter for the defense of democracy in Spain.

## 32 of 33 Holman Thugs Are Freed

**SAN FRANCISCO**—All but one of the Lee Holman thugs arrested in last Friday's clash with ILA strikers were released by Judge Michelson on Thursday. The only thug held was Walter Gray, who shot ILA member Leary in the head and in whose car a gun was found.

## Under \$200 A Year Per Patient in Honda "News" Doesn't Get Indignant Over That

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The "liberal" Scripps - Howard News waxed indignant, in what is considered a subtly sarcastic way the other day, over the fact that Ah Sin Sun, a Chinese, spent the 36 years before his death this week in Laguna Honda. It seems that Ah Sin Sun was admitted in 1901, suffering from

arterio-sclerosis. He was then 50 years old. In its indignation at the fact, the "liberal" News lost sight of the ironic fact that the total cost to the city in Ah Sin Sun's 36 years at the home was \$7000—less than \$200 a year, indicating the treatment given those at the home.

## 17 TERRORISTS ADMIT PLOTTING WAR ON U.S.S.R.

**Trotsky Told of War Plot With Nazis, Japan in 1937**

**MOSCOW**—Death sentence for the 17 plotters was demanded Thursday by State Prosecutor Andrei Vishinsky. After final words by the plotters Friday and Saturday, the judges will take the case, with a verdict expected by Monday.

**MOSCOW**—Acting under direct orders of Leon Trotsky, who in turn collaborated with Nazi Germany and Japan, the 17 Trotskyite terrorists on trial here admitted on the witness stand that they were ready to start sabotage upon break-out of a robber war against the Soviet Union by Germany and Japan this year, 1937.

Both Karl Radek, writer, and Ivan Kniaseff, former Southern Urals railway head, confessed this plot against the Soviet government, in addition to previous crimes of murder, sabotage and wrecking.

**Trotsky's and Hitler's Orders** Radek said another defendant, Gregory Platiokoff, brought the war message from Trotsky. Kniaseff said he gave information on the Soviet railroad system, which he obtained from another defendant, J. L. Livihits, to Japanese secret spies, and admitted that the Trotskyite "Parallel Center" organized 1500 railroad wrecks in 1934 and 2000 in 1935, on Trotsky's orders. He confessed causing deaths of 63 persons. Three experts testified all 3500 wrecks could have been prevented.

**"When I met Mr. X" (identified as a Japanese agent, one Hiroshima) later, he reproached me for doing nothing," testified Kniaseff. "He said people had to be trained to commit wrecking in wartime."**

**"He also told me to burn food trains and in October (believed 1935), Mr. X" told me we might have to poison military trains with bacteria so as to infect the troops."**

## 500 Celery Field Workers Strike!

**SAN DIEGO**—Five hundred San Diego County celery workers walked out of the fields and set up picket lines at 11:00 a. m. today, in response to the strike call issued by the three agricultural unions here, namely Mexican, and Filipino; provoked by the employers' having broken off negotiations in which the unions based their demands upon union recognition, 40c minimum wage, and the eight hour day with time and a half for overtime.

The striking unions are the Union of Laborers and Field Workers of San Diego County, The Agricultural Industrial Workers Union of America, San Diego County, The Filipino Federated Workers Union of California, San Diego County. The unions voted unanimously in favor of strike ten days ago and have been waiting only for the call from the joint strike committee.

## Phoenix Officials Adopt Plan to Oust Transient Workers

**PHOENIX, Ariz.**—A program for the deportation of transient workers has been adopted by Phoenix officials.

Chief of Police Morrison recently deported 200 after burning their poor shacks, destroying their stoves and cooking utensils.

# SEAMEN AID FLOOD RESCUE

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# ILA PACT CLEARS PEACE ROAD

## STRIKE ENDED, SEAMEN SPEED TO AID RESCUE

**Rank and File East Coast ISU Members Answer Call of Louisville Mayor; Over 1,000,000 Homeless, 500 Dead**

**NEW YORK**—Their gallant three-months strike ended, over 200 East Coast seamen have answered the call of Mayor Miller of Louisville, for experienced boatmen in flood rescue work.

The large group of rank and file ISU members are reported as already in Louisville, battling the flood waters.

Two radio telegraphers, ARTA members, were included in the group. Most of the volunteers left only with the clothes they wore; they do not expect payment.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—The known dead in the Kentucky flood areas had risen to 200 by Thursday with 133 of them in Louisville alone.

At least 12 prisoners in the Frankfort penitentiary are known to have been trapped and drowned.

Pneumonia and influenza are widespread in this state. Over 1,000,000 were homeless in the entire Ohio and Mississippi River flood regions by Thursday. Over 500 were reported dead. Flood centers are under martial law. Both banks of the Mississippi, from Cairo, Ill., to the Louisiana delta have been ordered evacuated.

## ALL BAY GEN'L MOTORS PLANTS SHUT BY STRIKE

**CIO Hold First S. F. Meet In Steel Drive**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The CIO and Steel Workers' Organizing Committee was holding its first mass meeting for steel workers of South San Francisco, at Fraternal Hall, Friday night, Jan. 29. Patrick J. Lydon and Wm. Dalrymple, CIO organizers, spoke.

**OAKLAND**—The strike of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO affiliate, has forced the closing of all General Motors plants in the Bay Area.

Frank Slaby, local UAW president, said the closing was the direct result of the strike called here. Oakland thus falls in line with the workers of General Motors in Flint and throughout the nation.

Chief demand is for collective bargaining rights.

The union sought this week through the Superior Court an injunction restraining police from interfering with picket lines.

## The Workers' Press Drive

## OUR ROLE IN BUILDING UNITY CAN BE SAFEGUARDED BY DRIVE

**THE Farmer-Labor Party movement is taking root in California. The People's Conference for Progressive Legislation is an important step in the direction of cementing the unity of all labor and progressive forces.**

In Alameda County labor is 100 per cent behind the proposed labor slate for the municipal elections.

In Los Angeles an important bloc of progressive trade unions is rallying the support of the people for a slate to fight the employers and candidates blessed by Harry Chandler's "Times."

Every Communist in the state can well be proud of the role played by the Western Worker in awakening labor to the need for independent political action. But only a beginning has been made; much more needs to be done, and that in opposition to a powerful group of industrialists and financiers.

The Western Worker will continue to play an increasingly effective role in this important work of building the Farmer-Labor Party—but we must have a guarantee of continued publication for 1937; we must raise that \$12,000 we set as our minimum goal, by March 1st! The various sections have been doing better work lately, but not enough.

We appeal to every county and section committee, every branch and unit, every Communist in California: look ahead into months to come; see the many opportunities facing our Party and the Western Worker to unify the people against reaction—and work as you've never worked before to put the Western Worker drive over the top with a bang!

## BACK PEOPLE'S LOBBY STRIKE-BREAKER BILL

**A.C.L.U. Sabotaged Anti-Vigilantism Bill of Parley**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—"The importation of the Holman gang into San Francisco to commit acts of violence and terrorism against the waterfront workers, who have conducted themselves peacefully throughout more than 90 days of strike, cannot be too sharply condemned by all honest people," declared A. F. Gaynor, speaking for the Northern California Executive Committee of the California People's Legislative Conference.

"The People's Legislative Conference fortunately has secured introduction of a bill in the State Legislature which would outlaw such gangs by providing strict penalties for transportation of strikebreakers across county lines. I urge all possible pressure on the assemblymen and state senators to get this bill adopted into law."

**No. Calif. Leaders Meet Sunday** Gaynor issued this statement to a Western Worker representative.

The Northern California Executive Committee of the Conference will meet next Sunday, January 31, in the Oakland Labor Temple to set up permanent organization.

All bills prepared by the Conference, which met with statewide representation in Sacramento to January 16-17, have been introduced into the Legislature, reported Leigh Athearn, secretary, with the exception of five blocked out under Lieut. Gov. Hatfield's "skeleton bill" ruling, the bill against vigilantism, and the bill giving certain rights and privileges to labor and political

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## URGE BACKING SIROVICH BILL

**Blast Press Reports That 700 Seamen Took Book**

(All organizations and individuals are urged to call on the Congressmen in their districts to back the Sirovich bills to amend the Copeland Act, eliminating the anti-union features.)

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Press reports, evidently inspired by shipowners and claiming that 700 maritime workers had applied for Copeland continuous discharge books here this week, are branded as false by seamen's union members.

**Pledge Adhered to** The latter state only a handful of licensed officers, and non-union seamen on tankers have applied for the books. The pledge by over 15,000 West Coast seamen not to accept the book is being firmly adhered to.

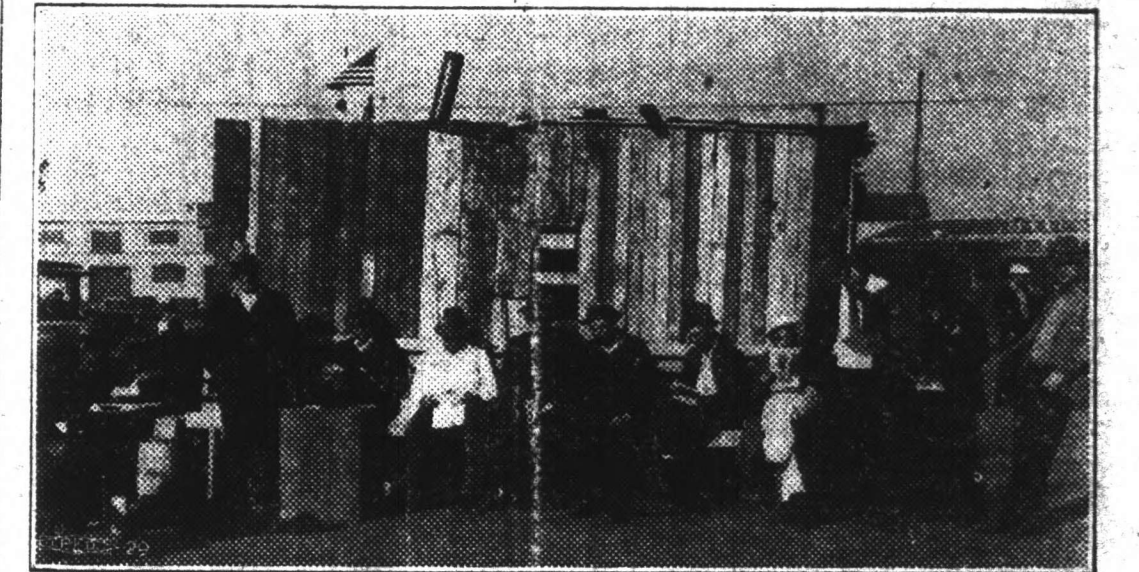
Reports from Washington quote Secretary of Commerce Roper as stating that Joseph B. Weaver, director of the Bureau of Navigation, will resign soon, (most likely to accept a shipping company position). Weaver was instrumental in forcing through the Copeland Act.

## Referee Upholds Conviction of Tom Mooney

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Upholding the conviction of Tom Mooney, Referee Shaw on Thursday recommended to the State Supreme Court that a writ of habeas corpus be denied Tom Mooney. The State Court is expected to follow the recommendation, after which the case goes to the U. S. Supreme Court.

## ALL SET FOR REFERENDUM OF ALL UNIONS!

**Jurisdiction Issue, Checkers and Clerks Questions Agreed On; ILA In Big Victory In Employers' Concession of 6-Hr. Day**



**PICKET SHACKS** on the San Francisco waterfront. Freezing weather didn't daunt these maritime strike pickets.

## RANK & FILE TO REMEMBER WHO DISRUPT UNITY

**An Editorial**

The disgraceful spectacle of the Seamen's meeting held last Wednesday at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, called by Harry Lundberg and J. E. Ferguson, will long be remembered by all those who hold the unity and welfare of the Maritime Federation at heart.

At a critical moment of the strike, when the fight against the shipowners and the Copeland "Fink" Book should weld the strikers' ranks more solidly than ever.

Lundberg and Ferguson (not the rank and file of the Sailors' and the Marine Firemen) were responsible for barring a delegation representing the Joint Strike Committee, headed by Harry Bridges, and also the Copeland Committee of the Maritime Unions, from the hall, although the purpose of the meeting was announced as being to discuss the Copeland Bill.

It is not strange that the Examiner and Call-Bulletin, Hearst sheets, gloated, as the shipowners must have gloated, at the news, praying for a split in the Maritime Federation.

The arbitrary manner in which the Seamen's meeting was conducted, and the barring of the Joint Committee leadership from the hall, as well as of the licensed groups (radio operators, mates, and engineers) and members of other maritime unions, so disgusted and angered the rank and file that they "voted with their feet," the majority walking out of the meeting, including Marine Cooks and Stewards, Firemen and Sailors. The turmoil created was the direct result of the tactics of Lundberg and Ferguson, who have been carrying on a red-baiting (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The way was cleared for waterfront peace late Thursday night, when the ILA and the shipowners arrived at a tentative agreement. The Coast Policy Committee had previously decided that when the ILA reached a tentative agreement, all striking unions would begin taking a referendum vote. (All other unions had already reached tentative agreements or were about to reach tentative agreements.)

Agreement was reached between the International Longshoremen's Assn. and the shipowners late Thursday night on the question of jurisdiction of work on steam schooners, and on demands of the cargo checkers and clerks affiliated with the ILA.

Together with the fact that the shipowners have conceded the 6-hour day to the ILA, this means that a tentative agreement has been reached with the ILA.

The agreement reached on the question of jurisdiction was that the men return to work on the basis of the 1934 award. Disputes on this question will be referred to the joint labor relations committee of union and shipowner representatives.

Checkers and clerks get a hiring hall, preferential employment and guarantee that wages and hours will be negotiated on their return to work.

The ILA wins a big victory in the 6-hour day (between 8 a. m. and 3 p. m.) at 95 cents an hour, with \$1.40 overtime after 3 p. m. Employers had insisted on a virtual 8-hour day, with relief gangs at straight time after 3 p. m.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Danger of prolonging the Pacific Coast maritime strike against the shipowners to one against the government was voted down here, where more than nine thousand members of the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation voted overwhelmingly in Dreamland Auditorium to refer a proposed resolution calling for immediate and concerted action against the Copeland (fink book) Bill to the Coast Joint Policy Committee for consideration and recommendation.

## Dollar Line Holds Chinese Prisoners

**Starved, No Warm Housing on Struck Ships**

**SAN FRANCISCO**—About 350 Chinese seamen are being held actual prisoners aboard strike-bound Dollar Line ships here. Hundreds more are being held in practically every American port.

They have not been permitted to land, because the Dollar Line has refused to post the necessary bond for each man. The Chinese seamen are underfed and without warm housing, the Chinese Seamen's Union said in charges laid before Federal Shipping Commissioner Daly in New York.



## REPRESENTATIVES OF OVER 7000 ORGANIZED JOBLESS MAP PLANS AT MEET IN L. A.

**Big Struggle Ahead Against Threatened Layoffs on WPA, and For Adequate Appropriations for Relief**

LOS ANGELES—Representatives for more than 7000 organized unemployed workers, under the auspices of the Workers' Alliance, met here January 24 in a country-wide conference for the purpose of drafting re-organizational plans, electing a permanent executive committee and to protest against the proposed slashing of the relief budget.

## GRANGE, AT I.S.U. HEARING, MAKES THREAT TO KILL

**A. F. L. Council Offers to "Mediate" On Officers**

WASHINGTON—Rank and file seamen's leaders of the Cooks, Sailors and Firemen's Unions agreed to leave their claims that the rank and file want the officials they have elected and not the discredited reactionaries, to an election supervised by the Labor Relations Board. The election was proposed by William Green.

WASHINGTON—Offended because he thought an attorney for the rank and file seamen was staring at him, David Grange, ousted official of the International Seamen's Union, threatened to kill the man at the Labor Relations Board hearing on holding new elections in the ISU.

Rank and file leaders charge that the reactionary officials signed unauthorized agreements with the shipowners, and that those officials no longer represent the members, having been replaced by trustees temporarily elected by the majority of the members.

On Wednesday the American Federation of Labor offered to try to settle the question as to who are the legal officials of the East Coast seamen's unions.

Charles Ogburn, AFL attorney, said the ISU executive council had accepted the offer and the inquiry would begin Feb. 8.

(The AFL executive council, at the Tampa convention, barred rank and file ISU leaders and condemned the East Coast strike as "outlaw.")

## Cal. Elects To Big Jobless Conference

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exact time to be announced later.

The Southern California conference will be held at Symphony Hall, 232 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles.

The conference in San Francisco, which takes in the peninsula and Santa Clara County, will be held in the Building Trades Auditorium, 14th and Guerrero Streets.

The third state conference was held Sunday, January 23, in Oakland, with 75 delegates attending from AFL trade unions, the Social Service Association, Union of Professional Workers and locals of the Workers' Alliance. Several trade unions and the Alameda County Central Labor Council were represented.

George Beers, member of the Workers' Alliance Executive Board in Alameda County, was elected as the delegate to Washington. Roy R. Nofz, also active in Alameda County, spoke on behalf of the state executive committee of the Alliance. Speaking for the Butchers' Union, local declared the problem of unemployment is the concern of the whole labor movement.

## S.P. Can Hinder In Central Valley

WASHINGTON.—The Southern Pacific Railroad is revealed as being in a position to hold up an important phase of the Central Valley project in California.

Newly-appointed reclamation commissioner Page, in stating that all preliminary engineering work has been finished on the northern section of the project, said that a storage reservoir would be built on the Sacramento River at Kennett Dam if arrangements can be made with the S.P. to remove its tracks from the land.

The tracks, incidentally, are on land illegally appropriated, as so much railroad land was, by the S.P.

## Midst Icy Weather in Orange Groves



ONE OF THE 16,000 men tending heaters in Southern California citrus orchards as the coldest weather in 15 years sets in. Wages? As low as the growers chose to make them. Organization is the answer.

## IS THE SHERIFF MOSCOW AGENT

**Rumor Chief Davis' Spies Trail Him**

LOS ANGELES—It was reported here this week that the civilian stool pigeon corps of Police Chief "Peanut" Hitler" Davis were hot on the trail of a "Moscow Agent" named Gene Biscailuz, who is rumored to be sheriff of L. A. County, when it was learned his suggestion to the Board of Supervisors, had resulted in the authorization of the use of red flags for more than 400 WPA workers employed at school crossings to slow down traffic.

In substituting the red flags for the wood stop-sign boards originally planned, many see the machinations of the Communist International.

### The Finger of Suspicion

It has even been rumored that the finger of suspicion has been secretly pointed at Sheriff Biscailuz, who heretofore has been considered safe in the ranks of the reactionaries, ever since it was reported he had refused to shoot on sight anyone selling Western Workers on L. A. streets.

It is said that when Biscailuz was questioned on this point, he declared that it was not true, that he believed in free speech and that, in this, he followed the line of the L. A. Times, which accords free speech to one and all, providing he is a newspaper publisher with a million dollars.

## Perkins Asks Laws Regarding Strikes

WASHINGTON—Great danger to organized labor is contained in the type of strike legislation asked Wednesday by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

In simultaneous letters to Senate majority leader Robinson and Speaker Bankhead of the House, Perkins asked for setting up an agency to investigate strike causes, and make findings and recommendations.

She asks in addition that the Labor Department have authority to issue subpoenas for books, papers, records and witnesses, and the authority to take evidence under oath. The chief danger to the unions lies in this, permitting federal punishment to unions should the investigating body, as is usual in such cases, be dominated by those not friendly to organized labor.

## Prices Shoot Up In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles housewives began to feel the result in their pocketbooks of California's severe winter today, coupled with profiteering.

The Western Growers' Protective Association, a vegetable cooperative, said Imperial Valley lettuce which before the freeze was quoted at \$1.10 a crate is now \$3 per crate, and that cauliflower which previously was listed at 50 to 60 cents a crate is now listed at \$1.

Oranges which before the cold snap started were quoted wholesale at \$3.50 per box were listed at \$6 per box at the California Growers' Exchange.

## SUPPRESSION, PERJURY IN MOONEY CASE

**Attorney Davis Files Findings With Shaw, State's Referee**

SAN FRANCISCO—Frame-up, suppression of important evidence, and perjury are charged against every one of the principal state witnesses, the district attorney and against police, in 25 proposed findings of fact, summarized from 14,000 pages of testimony on the Mooney case filed with Referee A. E. Shaw by Attorney George T. Davis, to be transmitted to the state Supreme Court.

The 14,000 pages of testimony from which the findings were abstracted were taken in the 13 months' hearing (recently ended), on Tom Mooney's application for a writ of habeas corpus.

### Perjured Witnesses

Analyzing the findings, Davis asked the court to find: "That Frank C. Oxman, John McDonald and Nellie and Sadie Edeau were the only witnesses during the original trial whose testimony referred to Mooney. That these four principal witnesses not only testified falsely but actually perjured themselves.

"That Charles M. Fickert, district attorney, his assistants and certain members of the Police Department, knew these witnesses testified falsely and actually conspired to produce false testimony against Mooney.

"That Mr. Fickert, his assistants and certain police officers suppressed and destroyed evidence which would have been favorable to Mooney had such evidence been known.

"That Mr. Fickert had and destroyed a detective's report covering Mooney's activities for three weeks before the bombing; on the day of the bombing, July 22, 1916; and five days after the bombing until he was arrested, July 27. That this destroyed report showed Mooney was on the roof of the Eilers Building, a mile away from Steuart and Marke streets, where the bomb exploded."

## On the Anti-Picket Repeal Front

SAN FRANCISCO—No one was amazed when Colonel Walter E. Garrison announced Wednesday that the vigilante-Associated Farmers' Assn. of California had resolved to oppose any measures in the legislature aimed at anti-picketing laws.

The announcement merely served to spur labor's determination here to get the San Francisco anti-picket law repealed in the March 9 special elections. It had the same effect in Oakland, where organized labor is conducting a similar campaign to repeal an anti-picketing law.

## Suspect Holman In New Thug Attack

SAN FRANCISCO—Morris Fishman, member of Miscellaneous Employees' Local 110 of the Culinary Alliance and of Local 4 of the Workers' Alliance, was beaten into insensibility Tuesday night on Hayes Street between Van Ness and Franklin.

Assaults were three plug-uglies using brass knuckles, who jumped out of a car driven by a fourth. Both his eyes were completely closed. At the emergency hospital later, four stitches were made to close a cut over the left eye and two more to close another on his head above the left eye. His face and head suffered numerous bruises and cuts and in addition he was kicked and dragged on the body and legs. His glasses were broken.

Fishman recognized one of the assailants as having been seen outside the Holman fink headquarters on Howard Street. The attack was an immediate sequel to an assault by a Hearst Examiner venter in front of the Orpheum Theater. Fishman had told the Examiner seller he didn't read Hearst, whereupon the news venter attempted to slug him and was restrained by a policeman.

## Conference on Anti-Nazi Boycott Sat.

SAN FRANCISCO—A conference and public meeting on the boycott of Nazi-made goods will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at 8 p. m. in Scottish Rite Auditorium. The conference and meetings are under auspices of the Boycott Committee, United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

## Warehousemen's Union Scores New Series of Triumphs in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO—The Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44, continues its successful march of organizing the unorganized.

The Union has just signed an agreement with five hide houses (Bissinger, Sumner, Struven, California Calfskin and Zuckarsky), granting 70 cents an hour for warehousemen, 80 cents for graders, a 40-hour week, a week's pay with vacation, closed shop, and seniority rights. About 50 are affected.

**Coffee Houses**  
Hills Bros. Coffee Co. has signed an agreement, granting 75 cents an hour for warehousemen, 90 cents for weighers and roasters, \$1.05 for foremen, a 40-hour week, week's vacation with pay, closed shop, seniority rights, and overtime on Saturdays. The same agreement will probably be granted by the rest of the coffee concerns, affecting about 300 workers.

In Heyward a meeting was held by 150 employees of the Morton Salt Co., who are considering joining the union.

**Status of Drug Strike**  
The strike against the drug houses continues, the men having voted down a counter-proposal by the employers. The men are sticking by their demands of \$5 a day minimum, preferential employment, and reinstatement of six dismissed men.

Owens-Illinois Glass Co. has been given until next Monday to come to an agreement, or be tied up. The union demands 75 cents an hour and a 40-hour week, and no discrimination against Local 38-44 men when the new plant opens in Oakland. The Glass Containers Corp. has already signed up.

The Union now has 2500 book members in San Francisco, 1000 in Oakland and 350 in Crockett. The membership has tripled in a year.

## Urge Backing for Bill on Scabbing

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### A.C.L.U. Sabotages Anti-Vigilante Bill

On the latter two bills, failure to have them introduced was laid directly at the door of the American Civil Liberties Union, in a letter to the Conference from Assemblyman Ben Rosenthal, 52nd Assembly District, Los Angeles, as follows:

"There appears to be considerable objection to the vigilante bill, particularly from the Civil Liberties Union, and the same with respect to the bill giving certain rights and privileges to so-called labor and political prisoners."

A.C.L.U. opposition was reported on the grounds that the bill would deny vigilantes their "free speech right" to advocate or condone vigilantism.

### Full Report Out Soon

The Conference is preparing to publish the complete list of bills introduced, with minutes of the Sacramento conference, as soon as Assembly Bill numbers are available, together with a plea for funds. The report will be sent all labor and progressive organizations in the state, whether they participated in the Conference previously or not.

### These Bills Introduced

Bills introduced by the Conference are as follows: Special Officer Bill (by John B. Pelletier), making employers liable for acts of such officers; California Picketing Act (by John G. Clark), making illegal all anti-picketing ordinances; bill requiring jury trial for persons charged with violating anti-labor injunctions (by Clyde A. Watson); bill prohibiting disbarment of lawyers who criticize judges during election campaigns (by Pelletier—see story on Leo Gallagher this issue); bill forbidding libel and slander of races and creeds (by Jack B. Tenney); bill prohibiting discrimination against Negroes by life insurance companies (by A. F. Hawkins).

### Bill prohibiting transporting of strikebreakers across county lines (by Samuel Yorty); bill expanding the state civil rights laws (by Hawkins); "Mooney Case Bill" (by Tenney); providing reopening of convictions based on perjury; repeal of Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Four bills amending Workmen's Compensation Act, eliminating the waiting period, permitting free choice of doctors, raising minimum disability payments to \$15 a week, clarifying payments for temporary total disability.

### People's Legislation

Private Arsenal Act, limiting number of guns and other weapons that can be stored in any one place; Camp Sanitation Act, providing free blankets in agricultural camps; bill forbidding use of California State Highway representatives.

### Bills Blocked Out

The following bills were blocked out on the "skeleton bill" ruling:

Providing registration, certifying and bonding of private detectives, including labor spies; requiring broadcasting of legislative proceedings; providing the eight-hour day for miners; providing the 6-hour day, 5-day week in all California industry; forbidding the "kick-back" of wages to employers or their representatives.

### Attacked When Down

The beating occurred at the garage of Joseph Bond, the stepfather. Bond and Elliot were having a dispute. Police officer Joseph Healy struck Elliot three times with his night-stick and then struck him again after he had fallen. Elliot died two days later in a hospital.

Elliot had been suffering from influenza for several days before he was beaten up by the police.

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## FLEEING FLOOD, L.A. TRANSIENTS IN DIREST NEED

**Come From Drought and Flood Areas; Little Aid**

LOS ANGELES—Hundreds of men, women and children, driven by weather, floods, and the effects of last summer's drought in the middle west, have been pouring across the state line into Los Angeles in the past few weeks.

Because southern California authorities have adopted a hostile attitude toward these needy workers and farmers, jails are full. Private charity agencies claim to be taxed far beyond their limits.

### Appeal for Program

The Los Angeles County citizens' relief committee has appealed to State and Federal officials, demanding establishment of "some kind of program" for the transients.

The Travelers Aid Society reports hobo jungles filling outlying sections, and cheap all-night shows filled with homeless boys, seeking shelter.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration transient service was abandoned in 1935.

It is feared police may demand another blockade against the transients.

## POLICE MURDER Whitewashed by Jury BRUTAL BEATING

**Whitewashed by Jury**

SAN FRANCISCO—A coroner's jury has whitewashed the murder of Milton Elliot, 21-year-old garage attendant, by San Francisco police on Jan. 16.

Elliot's death, the jury found, was "due to excusable homicide by police officers while in performance of their duty."

Young Elliot's stepfather, who witnessed the police beating, thinks otherwise.

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## 200 Win Pay Checks In L.A. Sit-Down On WPA Park Job

LOS ANGELES—More than 200 workers in Griffith Park WPA Camp Number 2 on January 26 resorted to a "sit down" strike in winning their pay checks after officials told them that pay day would be postponed because the checks had not arrived.

The militant action of the workers, however, speeded up whatever was holding back the checks, for within a short time after the "sit down" was called, they were paid.

Patrol as strikebreakers; bill requiring juries to contain a fair proportion of workers; bill setting the 40-hour week for women workers; bill providing no one can be jailed for vagrancy for not possessing money; bill outlawing racial restrictions on the use of property by Negroes; bill repealing the "red rider" on the Teachers' Tenure Act.

### Bills Blocked Out

The following bills were blocked out on the "skeleton bill" ruling:

Providing registration, certifying and bonding of private detectives, including labor spies; requiring broadcasting of legislative proceedings; providing the eight-hour day for miners; providing the 6-hour day, 5-day week in all California industry; forbidding the "kick-back" of wages to employers or their representatives.

### Attacked When Down

The beating occurred at the garage of Joseph Bond, the stepfather. Bond and Elliot were having a dispute. Police officer Joseph Healy struck Elliot three times with his night-stick and then struck him again after he had fallen. Elliot died two days later in a hospital.

## CANNERS WIN BIG GAINS IN MONTEREY

**10-Day Strike Gets Wage Concessions**

MONTEREY—The 10-day strike of sardine canners, members of the Cannery Workers' Union (AFL), ended Wednesday night with signing of an agreement. Over 1500 were affected.

The contract provides:

1—Recognition of the Cannery Workers' Union as the collective bargaining agency for its own membership.

2—Grant of wage and hour concessions demanded when the strike was called.

3—Guarantees preventing discrimination against union members in employment.

With the settlement of the Cannery's strike, fishermen, who won their strike last week, returned to work. These members of the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union had refused to deliver fish while the cannery workers were out.

## PLAN AFL MEET ON AGRICULTURE

**To Discuss Organization of One California Union**

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Federation will soon issue a call for a conference here late in February (possibly Feb. 27 and 28), to take up organization of the cannery and agricultural workers.

All chartered federal locals and independent unions have been invited, as well as all "interested groups" in the agricultural areas.

Announcement of the proposed call was made by Walter Cowan, chairman of the State Federation's committee on agricultural organization.

Cowan stated the conference will discuss organization of all cannery and agricultural organizations into one state organization.

Cowan said each union will be asked to send 2 delegates. The approximately 30 federal locals in the state have about 9000 members, and the independent unions about 8000.

## Heinz Plant Shut In Berkeley Strike

BERKELEY—More than 150 men and women have struck the H. J. Heinz Co. plant here, demanding reinstatement of 12 workers fired for membership in Cannery Workers' Union 20,099. The strikers also demand recognition of the union as collective bargaining agency for the Heinz employees.

Prince Beers, president of Cannery Workers' Union No. 20,099, said the strike was voted Tuesday night, and a proposal was mailed to the company asking for a 40-hour week, an hourly wage scale of 62 cents for men and 55 cents for women, and time and one-half for overtime. Women workers, Beers said, have been receiving 36 3/4 cents and men 45 cents an hour.

## E. Bay Labor Hits Spain Embargo

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ment after the Spanish government quells the Fascist uprising, it was pledged in a proclamation issued by the Madrid Defense Junta.

"We fight for our liberty and yours," said the proclamation, "so you may return peacefully to Morocco to govern yourselves without being enslaved by foreign military, even Spanish."

Copies were dropped over the Fascist lines by government planes.

The proclamation urged Moorish soldiers to come over to the government side as a guarantee of greater independence for Morocco.

The Fascist army on the Madrid front was rapidly becoming in precarious position, due to storms and floods which are isolating whole sectors of Fascist troops and cutting off communication.

A Fascist offensive to capture Sesena railroad station and cut off Madrid communications to the coast, was decisively beaten and the rebels forced back to earlier positions, the Madrid Defense Junta announced.

The Junta stated an offensive in Jaen Province, between Madrid and Malaga, had the Fascists fleeing before combined government forces from Andujar and Torredongimeno.



# A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

## SAN PEDRO UNIONS WON'T BALLOT UNTIL ALL STRIKING MARITIME UNIONS ARE READY TO DO SO—OTHER STRIKE NEWS FROM HARBOR CITY

### Scab Licensed Men's Outfit Denounced By SUP Leader

LOS ANGELES—Reports that striking maritime unions in San Pedro are planning to submit tentative agreements to membership votes were flatly denied by union spokesmen.

"No union will take a vote on any agreement until all seven unions have reached tentative agreements with the shipowners," Harry Russell, head of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific publicity committee declared.

### Denounces Scab Outfit

Denouncing the Offshore Licensed Officers' Association, recently organized company union, as an attempt "to organize scab licensed officers still on board ships," Russell pointed out that the shipowners are trying to organize these scabs "because the shipowners' proposals have a clause in them which would compel seamen and firemen to sail with scab officers."

Proposals by the shipowners sent to the San Pedro local of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific were turned down and sent back to the negotiating committee in San Francisco.

### Labor Defense Hit Frameup of King

Clerk, Judge Frank M. Ogden's Court Alameda County Court House Oakland, California.

Sir: In the name of the membership of the International Labor Defense, Northern California District, we hereby express our strongest condemnation of the conviction of Earl King, Frank J. Conner and Ernest G. Ramsey on wholly false charges and demand that these three defendants be granted a new trial.

We denounce the entire trial and conviction as a planned attempt to railroad innocent labor leaders to prison and we insist that California be saved the disgrace of another outrageous abuse of the Courts such as the Mooney-Billings, the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism and Modesto cases.

We feel that a powerful reactionary minority is attempting to send these innocent workers to prison in order to cripple the organized labor movement and to defeat the aims of labor.

We demand that Earl King, Frank J. Conner and Ernest G. Ramsey be given a new trial.

Yours truly, International Labor Defense, Northern California District. Copies to: Earl Warren, District Attorney, Alameda County and King-Conner-Ramsey Defense Committee, San Francisco; also the press.

### Mr. Bowron Goes In For Scabbery

LOS ANGELES—To take up the role of strikebreaker where Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick failed, Superior Court Judge Fletcher Brown, Saturday, January 23, ordered unloading from the freighter Emergency Aid in San Pedro, 2,000 tons of Argentine corn.

The writ ordering the unloading of the corn was issued following a complaint by F. E. Devendorf, consignee, against the McCormick Steamship Lines.

City Marshall Charles Thomas, handed the writ by Judge Bowron, declared he would attempt to serve it Monday, securing union men, if possible to unload the corn.

### ILA Expects to Win

"We'll combat this writ legally as we did a previous attempt to move cargo through court order," declared Roy M. Donnelly, president of the San Pedro local of the International Longshoremen's Association.

"This is the same kind of a situation," Donnelly said. "The action was taken just before noon on Saturday, as before, and the union was given no opportunity to appear and present its side of the case."

"We expect to win this case in court just as we did the other one." Aaron Shapiro and John C. Packard, attorneys for the ILA, will protest the order to unload in court Monday.

### MODESTO BOYS THANK THE I.L.D. FOR AID TO THEM

Fitzgerald and Reuel Stanfield Write

LOS ANGELES.—From the Modesto frame-up prisoners in San Quentin come letters to Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney, expressing their appreciation of the constant fight waged by the I.L.D. for the guarantee of civil rights and liberties for workers.

### Thanks For I.L.D.

Robert J. Fitzgerald writes to Johnson, "I wish at this late period to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to you for your assistance in bringing about this expose. This expose does not only verify our insistence of innocence but also absolves labor of the resortment to terror in order to gain its objectives. It also proves to what length corporate hate and greed in collaboration with corrupt public officials will go in order to send innocent workers to prison."

Recognizing the valuable part that the International Labor Defense, through Grover Johnson and Leo Gallagher, has played in defending workers in the oppression waged against them by legal authorities, Vic Johnson writes:

"It is not alone for ourselves that we wish to thank you; but, too, for the service you have rendered to Labor by helping to secure irrefutable evidence that the frame-up is a cold, planned tactic used by employers against trade unionists and militant workers."

And Reuel Stanfield, another of the Modesto victims says, "I know that your aim in life is not for self glory, but only to help the workers. In your unselfish willingness to turn this information over to others, instead of trying to use it for personal gains, only proves who the workers may trust."

"My only wish is, that I could tell every worker of the world, of yours and International Labor Defense's untiring efforts to help us workers."

### "Dog House" in SF May Have to Close

SAN FRANCISCO.—All three—the cop, the "minister" and the night watchman—at the Seamen's Institute must look for another job. Their annual Community Chest donation has been stopped.

This announcement climaxed a two year boycott on the Institute, placed for its strikebreaking activity, and during which time no decent sailor has gone near the place. Widespread protest from Community Chest contributors forced the decision to stop the annual donation, it is reported.

The Institute has been a yearly recipient of Chest funds for the past quarter century the average grant being from ten to twenty thousand dollars. More than 80% of this amount has gone to pay salaries, seamen charge.

This year's contribution, should it be made, has been applied for by the Union's own Recreation Center. The money will be used to further advance its already numerous popular facilities, according to the management.

### Govt. Denies Relief To Strikers In Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore.—The question of feeding needy maritime strikers and their families came to the fore in Oregon tonight with receipt of word from Washington that no federal funds for such work would be forthcoming.

On receipt of a dispatch from Washington quoting federal officials as saying persons involved in the maritime controversy must look to their respective states for aid, Ben T. Osborne, executive secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, said: "I feel that anybody who is hungry should be fed."

He said the Oregon delegation in Congress and WPA administrator Harry Hopkins, had been urged to allocate funds.

### Mass Picket Threat In Demand for Relief Made

LOS ANGELES—Alarmed at prospects of an encampment of 800 East Coast seamen on their door steps, members of the Los Angeles Citizen's Relief Committee made a feeble gesture to secure aid for transient unemployed.

Urging the Federal Government to provide money for the thousands of transients in Los Angeles County, the committee adopted a resolution which read in part:

"Estimates made by those most closely in touch with the situation indicate there are approximately 3000 single men now in the county without means of support, and for whom no provision has been made for shelter and food."

The threat of mass picket lines in front of their building arose when Peter J. Innes, head of the East Coast seamen on strike in San Pedro, appeared before the Relief Committee and demanded relief aid for the men who, he said, would be on the streets in a day or two.

The committee definitely refused aid and Innes declared that "you'll have 800 men on your door-steps by Friday." At present Innes is awaiting an answer from State Attorney General Webb as to what requirements the seamen must meet to be residents of California.

### Vancouver I.L.A. Speaks to Labor

VANCOUVER, B. C.—In an appeal to the British Columbia trade union movement the following statement was issued by I.L.A. officials here:

"It cannot be denied that a union that can grow under punishment and even expand must have a sure and honest foundation. The I.L.A. in British Columbia against overwhelming odds now contains three locals, Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, with a branch of the Victoria local in Chemainus."

"If a union can show this growth and strength in time of war, what can be expected of it in times of peace? Cannot every union man see that such vitality must be encouraged and that such success puts his own organization on a surer footing?"

"Send donations to W. French, financial secretary I.L.A. 38-126, at 233 Main street, Vancouver. We give below a list of unions which have already performed their duty and set an example that all others should follow immediately."

"International Moulders Union, Local 281, \$32.80; Engineers' Local 115, \$13.00; International Union of Elevator Constructors No. 82, \$10; B.C.E.R. Division 101, \$89.30; Stationery Engineers' Local 882, \$6.25; Jam, Fruit and Vegetable Canners, Federal Union No. 105; \$10; International Alliance Local 348, Theatrical State and Moving Picture Machine Operators, \$50.00."

### Call Women's Meet On Marine Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—On February 1st, I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 is calling a Women's Conference at Druid's Temple, 44 Page St., at 8 p.m.

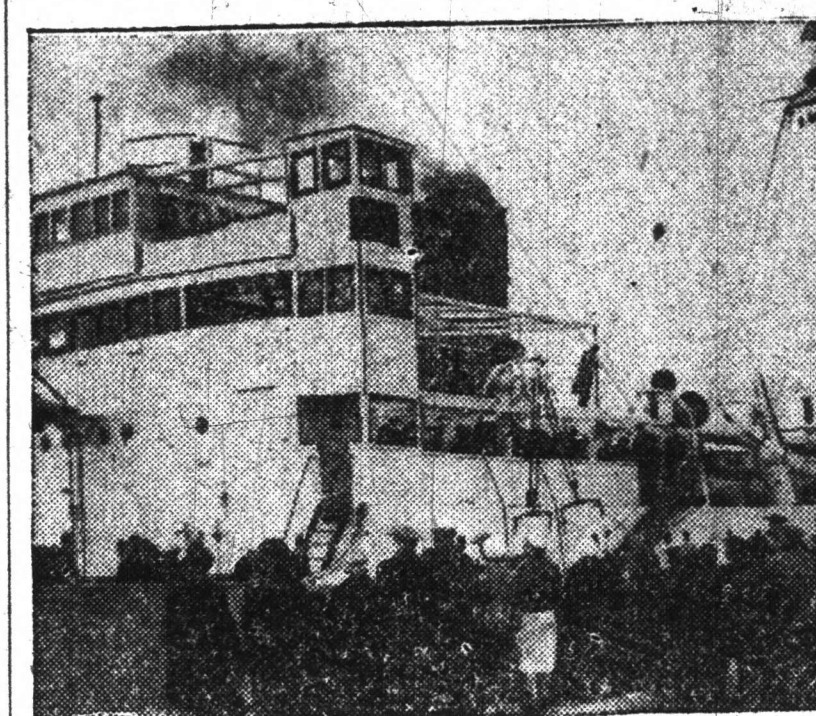
It is an open meeting to which all women who are interested in the following are cordially invited to attend and discuss:

1. The issues involved in the Maritime Strike which the Auxiliary believes are of vital importance to every woman who is either dependent upon her own wage or that of her husband for a livelihood.

2. What the San Francisco women can do to aid the strikers and their families who have had to suffer many hardships as a result of the shipowners' determination to prolong the strike. Among other things, the matter of collecting warm clothing for the pickets and their families will be considered.

The part that women play in the trade union movement, as workers, as wives of trade unionists, and as the mothers of tomorrow's trade unionists.

## Soviet Marine Workers Risk Lives to Bring Food to Spain



SOVIET SEAMEN are facing blockade by Spanish, Nazi and Italian Fascist warships these days, to bring food to the people of Spain who are so heroically battling the Spanish Fascists, who are aided by Mussolini and Hitler. One Soviet merchant ship was sunk with all hands on board; many others have been illegally seized by Fascists. At left, Soviet freighter leaves Odessa laden with food for Spanish people. At right, a Soviet freighter arrives and is welcomed at Barcelona.

## A SEAMAN DESCRIBES VISIT TO SOVIET UNION PORT

### Great Gains Made By Longshoremen

A seaman, recently returned from Archangelsk, Soviet Union port, a town which he has visited repeatedly in former years, gives his expressions in an interview which is reprinted in essential parts.

"Anyone coming to Archangelsk again after shorter or longer intervals is struck by the rapid development of this town. Formerly a lumber town with about 70,000 inhabitants, Archangelsk is on the way to becoming a modern city and has already a population of 278,000. Seamen who visited Archangelsk under the Czarist regime still remember that the dockers in that port were seasonal workers from Siberia who, at best, lived in barracks. But only a few were favored thus. The most of them had no dwelling place whatever and slept on the ships, in the holds and on deck.

"For some years now the town is undergoing a tremendous construction period in the course of which factories as well as dwellings are erected.

"During an excursion organized by the International Seamen's Club, we had an opportunity to see for ourselves what has been done for the workers in the way of new, modern dwellings in the Soviet Union.

There were of two and three room flats costing 30 rubles a month in rent. Comparison of the amount paid in rent with the wages of a worker shows that no more than three day's wages is needed by a dockworker to pay monthly rent. Added to this is the fact that the dwellings in the Soviet Union are distributed according to size of the family, i.e., a large family gets a bigger dwelling but does not pay higher rent. The town, which formerly had only wooden buildings and wooden sidewalks, has new, modern, asphalt covered streets and modern city buildings. There is a theater with 850 seats. There is the big Soviet House and a big scientific forestry institute where 1200 students are being trained in forestry and the lumber industry. The students come from all parts of the Soviet Union. What-

ever they need in the way of books and other necessities of study is supplied free of charge

## LEGISLATURE INVESTIGATES MODESTO SOON

Starts About February First; Result of Pressure

SACRAMENTO.—A State Assembly investigation of the Modesto Standard Oil frameup of eight maritime union men will start about February 1.

The Assembly voted the investigation, 46 to 26, after Standard Oil lobbyists had made vain attempts to kill the measure.

"Clearly Tries to Halt It" District Attorney Leslie Cleary of Stanislaus County, accused of suborning perjury that doomed the eight innocent men to prison, himself appeared before the Assembly in an effort to prevent the probe.

A committee of five, probably headed by Assemblyman Jack Tenney of Ingleswood, who introduced the resolution, is expected to start hearings early in February.

The investigation comes as the result of a confession by James Scrudder, chief prosecution witness, that the defendants were framed—that he lied at the Modesto trial in 1935 and was told to lie by Cleary.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, John O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, and other prominent labor officials joined the fight in the Assembly to get the probe.

Valuable assistance was rendered by Ernest Besig, San Francisco representative for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The victims of the frameup were convicted of malicious possession of dynamite after the 1935 tanker strike against the Standard Oil Company.

Scrudder confessed he was a "stool-pigeon" for Standard Oil and that officials of the company induced him to lie.

### Real Wages Gained Continually

as is their board and lodging at the institute.

"Of the many new industrial plants we inspected the giant Salomba Works which has been erected on land which only recently was a complete desert. The Salomba plant is the biggest saw mill in Europe and equipped with the most modern saws. I spoke to one of the workers who, by adoption of the Stakhanov method, had increased his efficiency from 250 to 600 logs. His latest earnings were 1,300 rubles per month. Just previously he had received the highest honor, the Order of Lenin, and also a motorcar. Close to the saw mill works there is also a modern fertilizer factory employing 4,080 workers. Its director is a former seaman.

"Three new schools have been erected near Salomba, also a new hospital near the plant. Every one of the big new plants has its own recreation and sports ground.

"Having visited Archangelsk many times in the past we were able to note how real wages have increased continually. Formerly there were difficulties in the supply of this region with food and necessities. These difficulties have been overcome completely mainly owing to the opening of the White Sea Canal and the improvement in railway connection."

## Glass Strikers Blast Fink Book

TOLEDO—Striking Flat Glass workers at the Owens Ford plant here voted a resolution to Congress condemning the "Fink" Books, and calling on all other Flat Glass locals to pass and send similar resolutions to Congress.

Enslavement of the seamen through the continuous discharge book blacklist was only a first step to enslavement of all workers, the Flat Glass workers agreed.

## MARINE FIREMEN ON THE EAST COAST OFFICIALLY OUST OSCAR CARLSON MACHINE FROM UNION

### Advance Another Big Step In Move to Rid International Seamen's Union Of Reactionary Strikebreakers

NEW YORK—Advancing another big step in their bitterly waged campaign to rid the ISU of corrupt officials, the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Watertenders, one of the three constituent branches, officially expelled its entire former leadership.

The sweeping action was taken at a membership meeting of the M. F. O. W. at its New York headquarters, 215 Tenth Ave. The union has jurisdiction over all ports along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

Those expelled were Oscar Carlson, former secretary, ousted from office during union elections last June; Nils Anderson, former chairman; Ernest Mislund, former treasurer; John Barry, Patrick Keane, and James R. Brown, the latter three former trustees.

## RATHBORNE TELLS ARTA STRUGGLES

NEW YORK—Mervyn Rathborne has arrived in New York to take over his new job as president of the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn. No swivel chair leader is this blond 31-year-old 185-pounder who comes from San Francisco, where he was secretary-treasurer of the bay area district council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. He was elected in October, but the strike has kept him on the coast until recently.

Seated in his small office in the Marine Bldg. in downtown Manhattan, Rathborne stopped punching out a letter on his portable typewriter to tell how he was blacklisted by West Coast shipowners for his successful efforts in organizing ship radio telegraphists into the Commercial Radiomen's Protective Assn. back in 1930 and '31.

Pioneer for ARTA "The men were slow in taking to organization at first," he said, "but by the time we merged with the ARTA we had about 400 members. The ARTA was organized on the East Coast in 1931," he explained. For Rathborne's pioneering efforts in this field, shipowners kept him out of a job for three years.

Rathborne found plenty to do, however. Radio operators were working 24-hour shifts, typing the captain's mail, keeping ship books and doing various other chores in their "spare" moments, all for \$60 to \$80 a month. Organization led to real gains: an extra man was placed aboard each ship, discrimination against union members stopped. The men won an 8-hour day, recognition as officers with the elimination of clerical work, more favorable working conditions, and minimum pay of \$120 to \$130 a month. Most of these gains were made during the 1934 strike when 40 steamship companies were forced to sign with the union. Today the national

union comprises some 3,000 men. Speaking slowly, giving full meaning to his words, Rathborne told of the perspective for the future: "There is a potential membership of over 200,000 men in the communications field which an industrial union could organize."

Rathborne commented favorably on west coast negotiations now in progress and predicted an early settlement. "The rank-and-file on the Coast are solid and deeply appreciate the display of solidarity that first prompted the East Coast men to walk out with them," he added.

### HOW IT'S DONE

"Production is up 70 per cent (from the low point of the crisis), but unemployment has been reduced only from 30 per cent to 35 per cent."—Oscar R. Fuss, City Projects Council, New York.

### HOTEL SERVICE STRIKE

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—After striking since Dec. 21, more than 400 hotel service employees reached an agreement here with their employers.

## THE POSITION OF THE MARINE FIREMEN IN THE MARITIME STRIKE ON THE WEST COAST

By WILLIAM BAILEY  
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(Written as a Press Release)

Many people are wondering why this strike has lasted as long as it has. They seem to be confused as to what the maritime workers are fighting for. Quite a lot of this confusion has come about due to the shipowners' paid ads in the newspapers, spreading lies about the strike and therefore creating an impression in the minds of many that the shipowners are willing to settle the strike, and that the strikers are the ones that are causing the delay in settling this strike of over 40,000 maritime workers.

### A Fireman's Life

First it is necessary to get a picture of the situation in the minds of the people. A fireman's life at sea, is not as romantic as the shipowners wish the public to believe. In fact, it is a life of constant isolation and hardship on the ones who must follow the sea for a living.

Speaking for more than 8000 members of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen Oilers and Watertenders and Wipers Association, whose membership is on strike here along the Pacific Coast, it is necessary to take this incident into deep consideration: A ship comes into port, a few members of the crew quit, the Engineer calls to the union hall for the number of men to fill the vacancies. The men around the hall with the oldest shipping

cards are given the jobs if they desire to ship aboard this principal ship.

### Conditions on Ship

The wages of the Firemen before the strike was \$62.50 per month. For this he had to do eight hours work per day, seven days per week, including holidays. For eight hours per day the firemen must enter the bowels of the ship, which is the boiler room and stand the dreadful heat. At times the temperature runs as high as 185 degrees in tropical waters. After he leaves the fire room he washes himself in a bucket and at times he must travel the ships length to get to the water pump. There are no fancy showers, or nice tiled washrooms for the firemen to wash himself in.

He sits down to eat with the sweat running off him because many ships have no fans or decent ventilation in the mess-rooms. The food is the cheapest that the shipowner can buy. Very seldom are there any fresh vegetables on the tables for the men to eat, and beef stew is almost constantly on the menu. The fireman always tried to avoid the heat, but no matter where he goes he is still faced with the same obstacle. He lies down in his bunk and tries to read, but this is impossible, because many fo'c'sles are poorly ventilated, have no fans, and the seaman is given very little comfort from the heat.

The shipowners often try to have the seamen work without being paid for it, in the form of overtime. Take for example: a seaman who lives in Oakland, just across the bay from San Francisco, comes back after a four or five month trip at sea and is anxious to dress up and get home to see the wife and kids, or his relatives.

When his day's work is finished and he is preparing to go ashore, he is told that they are shifting ship to Stockton, a city about 90 miles up the river. So he turns to and puts in a few extra hours. Well, for three or four days this might take place, ship moving from one place to another, until eventually he is given a chance to get home, and here he is only allowed to remain home for a few hours as the ship is ready to sail again.

When the ship reaches some isolated port in the Orient, and its raining like hell and because of the rain the cargo can't be worked, the Engineer will come around and tell the firemen that he can take the time off that he worked to move ship. This is why the firemen are asking that all time that they work over their eight hours be paid to them in cash, instead of time off.

We want an increase in wages of ten dollars per month. Why are we asking for this increase? Because with the wages that we are receiving now it is impossible to keep us supplied with sufficient work clothes and other necessities of life, and at the

same time support our families. The shipowners can afford this; they are reaping in millions of dollars in the form of ship subsidies from the government for which the tax payers are suffering the burden. We want the real value of our labor; we are tired of living like a pack of animals. We know that our demands are fair and just; we know that the public will support us when they know the conditions that we are forced to work under.

The shipowners want us to ship off the docks; they want us to fight each other for the jobs; they want us to beg them to give us employment. But every one must remember that we fought on the picket lines in 1934 to eliminate these dreadful conditions. Yes, men were murdered by the police and vigilantes in helping to secure these conditions that prevent us from walking the docks every day looking and hoping for a job.

Yes, the shipowners have gone so far as to frame up on some of our best union brothers, having had them sent to prison. Earl King, E. G. Ramsey and Frank Conner were all framed by the shipowners, with the main desire of shoving them in behind the walls of San Quentin where they might never again help to organize the seamen. These men were found "guilty" by a picked jury, and later sentenced to five years to life in prison. This is the penalty these men must pay because they fought for better

conditions for the seamen. These men have won gains for us through their correct leadership.

Today we are ready to sacrifice our lives to hold onto these gains, because we know that once the shipowners force us to ship off the dock, this will spell the end of our Union. Our three main demands—1) Control of hiring. 2) Cash for overtime. 3) Increase in wages, have been outlined here. We don't want control of the ships, we don't want to tell the shipowners what to eat and what not to eat; all we want is to stop living like animals and start living like human beings. The shipowners have stalled so far in settling the strike. They hope to starve us into submission. They hope to turn the public support against us through false publicity in the press. They hope to break the union solidarity through planting agents in our ranks who continually carry on a campaign of red-baiting and disruption. These methods have failed so far.

Will they resort to terror like they did in 1934? Will they force us to sit around an arbitration board? This depends upon each and everyone of you. You can help end this strike, providing you help the strikers financially, and by demanding that the shipowners grant us our demands, and allow us to return to work under conditions that will allow us to return our status as men.



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### Trotskyism: Synonym for Degeneracy

THE MASSES of workers, peasants and intellectuals in the Soviet Union are seething with indignation at the confessions of murder, treason and Fascist alliances by the 17 members of the Trotskyite "parallel center" now on trial in Moscow.

These degenerates, working under direction of Leon Trotsky, based their hopes of coming to power on hastening a foreign military attack against the Soviet Union, they promised to open the gates of the Soviet Union to foreign capital, offering concessions of mines, forests, factories and fisheries to their Fascist allies. On Trotsky's direct orders, these agents of Fascism planned and carried out explosions in basic industrial plants and plotted the wholesale annihilation of workers.

The dreams of Trotskyite-Fascists of dismembering the U.S.S.R. and restoring capitalism are ridiculous and stupid—the vapors of diseased minds—but they are dangerous in their role of agents of Fascism; allies, within the Soviet Union, of those aggressive and desperate forces awaiting the first favorable opportunity to sink their fangs into victorious Socialist economy!

This is realized by the Soviet peoples; this is why the entire Soviet Union is being swept by a wave of indignation against and contempt of these Trotskyites!

This, too, is the role of the Trotskyites now masquerading as Socialists within the Socialist Party in this country—revealed in attacks against the Soviet Union, alliances with the shipowners in raving against trusted labor leaders such as Harry Bridges, sabotage against working class aid to the heroic Spanish workers and peasants fighting against Fascist invaders!

### Harry Chandler Wails

LOS ANGELES open-shoppers are horrified at Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections, as witness their chief spokesman, the L. A. Times. Harry Chandler, mouthpiece of the reactionary, anti-labor moguls of the "City of Angels," lists the outrageously pro-labor planks in the tentative platform and cites as the most insulting demand "for a 100 per cent union town in Los Angeles."

Not that these reactionaries question the right of labor to organize and strike. Oh, no! Not as long as "organization and striking do not interfere with the rights of others to be independent of control and to work instead of strike." That is, it's okay to have the right to strike, but there must also be the right to break strikes.

The need for the action taken by Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections is eloquently attested to by the rage of the L. A. Times at the action. The Times gang try to confuse the issue by drawing the well-known and rather shopworn red herring across the trail. Lurking in the background, they declare "is the threat of socialization of industry and the distribution of wealth." The Times intimates that the whole thing is a Communist plot for revolution and evil.

We do not think organized labor will be fooled by this smoke screen thrown out by the open-shoppers. "Los Angeles is literally at the crossroads," Harry Chandler and his cronies shout.

Yes, and the road the people will take, with organized labor as the driving force, will be the road to a 100 per cent union town—the road to the redemption of Los Angeles from the tentacles of the open-shop octopus known as the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

### Long Beach Labor Needs A Broom

THE MESS of graft and corruption unearthed by the anti-industrial unionism maneuver by Carl Fletcher, editor of the Long Beach Labor News and candidate for president of the Long Beach Labor Council, calls for a swift cleanup by the rank and file of organized labor. The fat has been put in the fire by James C. Coulter, financial secretary of the Long Beach local of the Oil Workers' Union, who resents the presentation of a Central Labor Council slate by Fletcher composed of all craft union nominees.

Most interesting of the revelations is that

the many full-page anti-Communist advertisements appearing in the Long Beach Labor News had been paid for by oil companies which had been solicited in the name of the Oil Workers' Union, without the union, or, according to Coulter, its officials, knowing anything about it. Other revelations which should make the rank and file of organized labor sit up, take notice, and start wielding the big broom, were the Labor News' collection of Christmas funds for unemployed oil workers and their families—not one cent of which ever reached an oil worker, and the same newspaper's collection of funds for Labor Day expenses—which were never used for that purpose.

We are glad that Mr. Coulter has brought these facts to light. But Mr. Coulter alone will never be able to clean up the mess. Only action by the rank and file of organized labor can do it. We trust they will go to it.

### Modesto Committee on the Job

WITH THE first half of the legislative session over, the Modesto Investigating Committee, headed by Assemblyman Tenney, is on the job. And the propagandists for the Standard Oil Company are also on the job.

Typical of the anti-labor propaganda on the Modesto case are the comments of the Sacramento "Union"—a newspaper read by most legislators. This paper declares that the files of the case reveal that "in every appeal, the convicted men lost and the courts decided there was no irregularity about their conviction, and no miscarriage of justice." Again, later: "The way to settle strikes is not with dynamite but by arbitration."

The Sacramento "Union" must believe that its readers are unusually gullible and naive, to take for granted that just because an appeal court has upheld a conviction of labor organizers they are guilty. Every man and woman in California and throughout the country who is not prejudiced, and knows the facts of the case, knows, for example, of Tom Mooney's innocence. And there are others, many others who have been framed by lower and higher courts for their labor activities!

Assemblyman Tenney, speaking at the People's Legislative Conference declared that labor must not pay too much attention to legislators' speeches, but watch carefully how these legislators vote, how they act. We have reason to believe in Tenney's sincerity, and we believe that his investigation will convince him of the foulness of the Modesto frame-up, and that he will act accordingly, whether, or not the rest of the committee agrees with him.

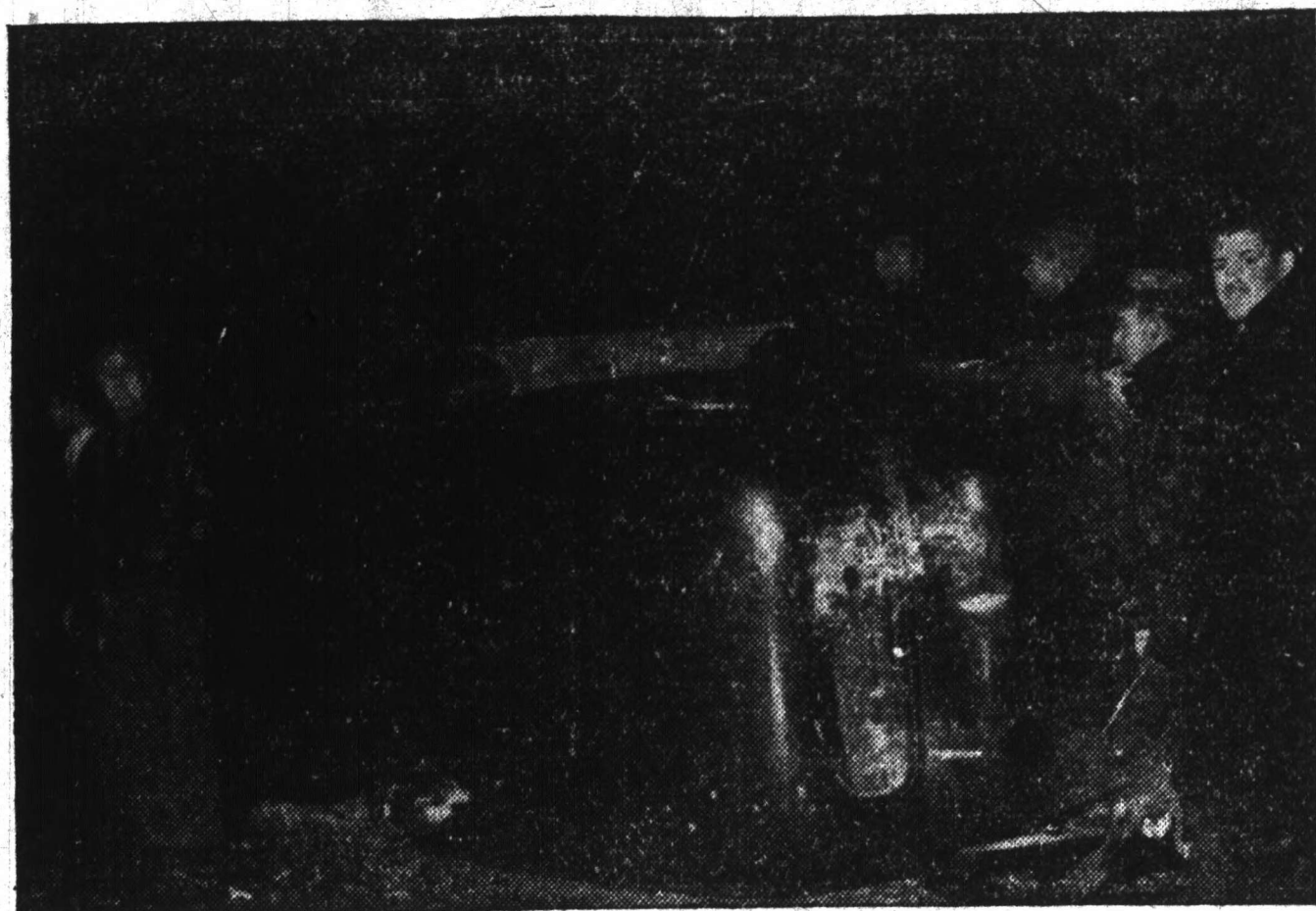
### The Growers Are Preparing

LARGE GROWERS of Sonoma County, which share with Imperial Valley the "distinction" of instigating more lynch activity than any other county in the state, are prepared to resist any attempt which will be made this year to organize agricultural workers. Through the newly-formed Associated Farmers of Sonoma County, Inc., they openly declare their intention is to prevent organization.

How these large growers intend to prevent organization is not a matter for speculation. The tarring and feathering of workers in that county is well known. And there is no doubt that every union organizer who penetrates Sonoma County will immediately be labeled "red" and run out, if not lynched—if the Associated Farmers, Inc., has its way. In view of these preparations, and similar moves in other agricultural areas, what has the State Federation of Labor done to organize the agricultural workers? The last state convention called for the establishment of a State Council to aid in the organization of these workers. But so far this Council has not been set up.

Why the delay? The large growers throughout the state are preparing to resist organization of the workers. Now is the time for the State Federation to act. There are more than 225,000 unorganized agricultural workers in California, who are looking to the State Federation of Labor for action.

## "We Wanted Peace; General Motors Wanted War"



THAT WAS the slogan of Flint sit-down strikers in General Motors plants. An incident in clash provoked by police was tipping over of this car carrying armed deputies to aid those who provoked the violence. General Motors attempted to shut off food supplies from sit-down strikers and police poked in tear gas guns.

## The Tasks in California Following The Elections

TO ALL COUNTIES, SECTIONS, UNITS, AND BRANCHES.

Dear Comrades:  
 Following upon your discussion of Browder's Report, the outline for which you have already received, a second discussion should be held, based upon our political perspectives in California and the organizational functioning of our Party in the counties, sections, units, and branches. The material for this is attached, and may be supplemented by local problems. Organize a thorough discussion in the County or Section committee, and in the units and branches. Inform us as to the results of the discussion, the problems you have taken up, and your political objectives. Send in articles covering these questions to the discussion column to be opened in the Western Worker.

Comradely yours,  
 State Executive Committee,  
 Communist Party.

### TASKS IN CALIFORNIA FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS

Reflecting the sentiments of the American people nationally, California joined in the Roosevelt landslide in the November elections. But already since then we have seen evidences that the California people are prepared to give life to their vote by an independent struggle for social security, on both the economic and political fields.

Showing a solid front and a determined stand against the shipowners, the splendid struggles of the maritime workers are labor's answer to the drive to smash the trade unions and lower the standard of living of the workers. Among the unemployed, there was an immediate response to Roosevelt's post-election plan to slash the WPA—under the leadership of the Workers' Alliance, thousands of workers on labor and cultural projects demonstrated, picketed, and even called sit-down strikes in the most comprehensive unemployed fight California has witnessed in many years. Most significant are the recent developments on the political field, concrete evidence that our state is slowly but surely moving in the direction of a Farmer-Labor Party. Specifically, these developments are:

PEOPLE'S LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: A united front of trade unions, liberal and progressive forces mobilized around the need for social and labor legislation in California. The January 16-17 conference in Sacramento resulted in the adoption of a series of bills to be introduced at the State Legislature (C.S. Repeal, anti-Vigilantism, Amendment to the Unemployment Reserves Acts, etc.); the election of a representative state executive committee; the election of a legislative representative to push the conference bills amongst members of the State Legislature; and a decision that a full executive meeting at the end of the legislative assembly session shall consider further means of protecting the people's interest in state, county, and municipal politics.

LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: A conference of trade unions, called by the Painters' District Council, has set up a permanent executive committee, adopted a tentative slate of progressive candidates for the coming elections in Los Angeles, and has gone on record in support of the People's Legislative Conference, and delegated Van Winkle of the Carpenters' District Council—a member of the executive committee of the Legislative Conference and a delegate to the Los Angeles Conference, to represent them there.

OAKLAND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: The Non-Partisan Political Federation of Labor, a conference of trade unions, will nominate a labor slate, backed by the Central Labor Council, in the coming Oakland Elections. This group is clearly bringing forward the independent political role of labor, and has steered

ed clear of entanglements with the old capitalist political parties by refusing requests of the Democratic Party to endorse their candidates, and limiting candidacies on the labor slate to men and women who are members of trade unions.

TRADE UNION RESOLUTIONS: The I.L.A. 38-79 after the report of a special investigating committee, have endorsed the Farmer-Labor Party movement and Labor's Non-Partisan League, and issued a statement to this effect. Scores of other trade unions and progressive organizations have taken similar actions.

It cannot be forgotten that the growth in membership, influence, and prestige of the Communist Party in California has had a considerable effect on the economic struggles and political movements in this state. The activities of the Communists in trade unions and other organizations, the distribution of the Western Worker, and the use of Party literature and leaflets has been educational as well as an organizational force in the fight for social security and a Farmer-Labor Party.

### THE TASKS OF THE PARTY

IN SUPPORT OF SPAIN, our entire Party membership must take an active part. In addition to finances, medical aid, clothes, etc., we must raise the slogan, "Keep Hitler's Bloody Hands Off Spain," and carry on a special campaign demanding that our own government "lift the embargo on the shipment of munitions to the Democratic Spanish government. All democratic anti-fascist forces must be rallied in defense of the legal government of Spain, which in essence means today uniting in the fight for peace. Cooperation with the American League vs. War and Fascism, issuing leaflets, initiating picket lines and demonstrations, protests to Congress, against the embargo, etc., are some of the methods to be considered.

On the economic field, the following measures are essential: widest support for the Maritime Strike, the success of which will give a tremendous impetus to the entire labor movement; fighting against cuts and for the extension of the WPA, and closest attention to the building of the Workers' Alliance, and establishing its prestige among the trade union; support for the campaign to organize thousands of agricultural workers in California, on the basis of the resolution passed by the State Federation of Labor to this effect. The recent struggles of the agricultural workers (strike of lettuce workers in Salinas and celery workers in Stockton) and the progressive role of the agricultural workers delegates to the 56th AFL Convention show the importance of the part that they can play in the labor movement, especially in California where they are a tremendous factor in the economic life of the state.

THE FARMER-LABOR PARTY: Our next step in this direction, which every County Committee, unit and branch must consider as follows:

1. Development of mass campaigns around the People's Legislative Conference—supporting the work of the executive committee, securing further affiliations, popularizing the program for social and labor legislation.

2. Bringing pressure to bear upon progressive legislators for the formation of a progressive bloc in the State Legislature to work with and push the bills adopted by the People's Conference.

3. Wide publicity for the labor slates in Oakland and Los Angeles, as a means of further stimulating further actions of this kind in California.

4. Get endorsements of Labor's Non-Partisan League and the Farmer-Labor Party movement in the trade union, thus broadening the basis for independent political action locally and on a state scale.

BUILDING THE COMMUNIST PARTY: Unless we use our County and Section Conventions,

to examine our Party organization, strengthening our units and fractions, and raising the quality of our work, we shall not be able to fulfill our political responsibilities as effectively as the present conditions demand. The following organizational questions must receive your careful consideration and prompt action.

1. More recruiting, so that the burden of our work can be more widely distributed. Especially, recruiting must be done from concentration industries (marine, oil, transportation, agriculture) and amongst women, Negroes and youth. And after recruiting, the new members must be made an integral part of Party life, fluctuation stopped. Experience has indicated the absolute necessity for New Members' Units or Classes, and a membership apparatus that works like a clock, getting the recruits into units without loss of time.

2. Extensive education of membership, integrated with our daily problems and tasks. This can be considered from two points of view: first, making each comrade realize his personal responsibility, his responsibility to the Party and to the working class, for his work. Second, directing the political development of each comrade by checking on his reading, his understanding of the political situation today, and his study of theoretical literature. The political development of each comrade and his ability to do certain kinds of work must be the basis for Party assignments and promotion of our personnel.

3. Units and branches must function with initiative, independent planning of their campaigns, and an understanding of their role in industries and neighborhoods. A live, responsive bureau guiding the work is essential: Branches must learn to become real political factors in the Assembly Districts; industrial units must become keenly concerned with building shop units, and bringing the face of the Party into the industries and trade unions. Know the problems of your neighbors or fellow workers, and react to them through your unit or Branch. Discuss concretely how your unit or branch can become the means of bringing Party campaigns to those workers with whom you are in contact.

4. Similarly, the need for enlarging and improving our fractions, especially in the trade unions, is clear. Regular fraction meetings with full attendance, discussion of the problems of your organization and methods of introducing progressive measures is the means of laying the foundations for progressive political actions.

5. The election campaign proved beyond a doubt the effectiveness of an extensive distribution of Party literature and the Western Worker. Consider the best methods—especially try to find new methods—of spreading pamphlets, and the Western Worker in the shops, trade unions and neighborhoods. Further, use this material within the Party. Teach your members to read the "Communist" and "Party Organizer" regularly. Above all, put this slogan into effect: "Every Party Member a Reader of the Western Worker."

Take up these problems, honestly and thoroughly, in your County and Unit. Make a determined effort to overhaul your units and branches, and overcome your organizational shortcomings. A strong, flexible organization that will help make our Party that vital force in California that will go forward toward a People's Front, toward security and peace.

### MEET ON STEEL

PITTSBURGH.—Sometime in February delegates from lodges of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers will meet to draft demands on the steel companies.

## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

### In Memory of Lenin

(Continued from previous issue)

We must answer the lies and slanders and atrocity stories directed against the Spanish people by the capitalist press, particularly the Hearst press, the greatest exponent of Hitlerism in America. Such aid to Spain is in the spirit of true Americanism, and has nothing in common with what the Fascist Hearst falsely calls: "Americanism."

Will Socialists Aid? We must also make clear to all honest and sincere Socialists that you cannot speak about the support of the Spanish workers' cause in one breath, and stab that cause in the back in the next breath by attacking and slandering the Spanish People's Front, ridiculing the fight for democracy against Fascism with ultra-revolutionary sounding phrases, and attacking with Trotskyite arguments the Soviet Union and its people, who have come so valiantly to the aid of Spanish democracy.

Any serious study of Leninism will show that phrases about "fighting for Socialism" don't mean anything, if you ignore the means of winning the masses to Socialism. Today, the struggle for the People's Front to defeat the main and greatest enemy, Fascism, in which struggle are being drawn all those who are not yet ready to fight for Socialism, will lead the masses, learning from their own experience, to understand the need for Socialism as the only way out. The fight of the People's Front in France and Spain in defense of democracy against Fascism is the test for Socialists and non-Socialists alike; and anyone who injures that fight, consciously or unconsciously, is aiding the Fascists, greatest enemy of democracy, peace and Socialism.

### Caballero's Statement

How well the Spanish workers understand this, and how effectively they answer the counter-revolutionary, anti-Soviet propaganda of the Trotskyites, can be seen in a message sent by the Socialist Premier of the Spanish People's Front Government, Largo Caballero, with New Year's greetings to the Soviet Union; he said: "The Spanish working class is forever united with the Russian workers. We will never forget the solidarity of the Soviet workers with us in this difficult time. The proletariat of Spain will always strive during the war and after the war is over to follow the example of your great country."

### Showed the World

Not only the Spanish working class looks to the Soviet Union for its inspiration. In its nineteen years of existence, it has shown the world how it is possible to lift a backward country out of the misery and degradation of czarist-capitalist oppression; how the working class allied with the peasantry can, without capitalists or landlords, build prosperous socialist industry and collectivized agriculture; how illiteracy was wiped out, and a new culture flourishes; how the oppression of national minorities was ended, and 187 nationalities live side by side on a fully equal basis; how unemployment, the scourge of capitalist countries which we know so well in America, has been completely eliminated and all are given the opportunity for honorable labor; how the Soviet Union has become a world force for peace; a bulwark against the Fascist war-instigators; and how genuine democracy flourishes in one-sixth of the world.

We might well ask the question: If Socialism could accomplish this, in spite of all the enormous difficulties, in a backward country such as old Russia was, without industry or advanced technique, without a skilled working-class, without all the advantages which modern American industry has, what undreamed of accomplishments and advances in prosperity and science and culture could Socialism bring to America, which already has those pre-requisites which the Soviet peoples had to create almost with bare hands!

The triumph of Socialism in the Soviet Union is recorded and reflected in the new Soviet Constitution. It is the "record and legislative enactment," as Stalin has said, of what has already been achieved, and points the way to still greater victories. This historic document reflects the successful struggle waged by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, under Lenin's and Stalin's leadership, for a classless Socialist society.

It is unique in that it does not simply repeat the phrases about "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity," so prevalent in capitalist countries. The Soviet Constitution proclaims not only liberty in general, but establishes the guarantees for that, liberty be-

cause capitalism has been abolished.

It proclaims the right to work, the right to rest, the right to education, the right to security, the complete equality of all nationalities, the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and of religious worship. These rights are guaranteed and safeguarded, and made possible because the working class, in alliance with the peasants, is in power and has established the collective ownership of all the economy and resources of the country.

What Soviet Democracy Means It is this that makes possible, on the basis of planned Socialist economy, as an obligation of the socialist state, for every worker to have a job and a paid vacation, his children to get an education, and freedom from the fear of hunger and starvation. This is what Soviet, socialist democracy means. Capitalism is unable to guarantee these elementary and fundamental things. Anatole France once said of so-called equality in capitalist society: "The law in its majesty equally forbids the poor man and the rich man, the hobo and the banker, from sleeping under a bridge."

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## Leo Gallagher Is Cleared By Bar

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throughout Los Angeles county, wherein he exposed the anti-labor record of Judge Arthur Crum, whom he opposed in the last August primary elections.

Gallagher's letter charged that Crum is "the worst labor-hating, Fascist-minded judge on the bench." He said that "every rule of decency has been cast aside in the trial of labor cases in this judge's court," and that Crum "has not the integrity to abide by his own rulings, but distorts and misrepresents the position he has taken and the statements he has made at an earlier period in the same trial. He deliberately falsifies the statement on appeal in order to deprive the defendants of the opportunity of obtaining justice in the higher courts."

Gallagher then several times requested Crum to answer his charges in public debate, but Crum ignored his requests on each occasion.

### An Anti-Union Action

Several months passed and, finally, shortly after the International Labor Defense had notified the striking maritime unions that it was ready to place its legal staff at their disposal in defending arrested strikers, the State Bar, on November 24, summoned Gallagher to a preliminary investigation from which the public was barred, over Gallagher's protest.

The State Bar refused to tell Gallagher, who was represented by attorneys Clore Warne and Herbert Gahan, who had made the complaint, or to furnish him with a copy of the charges.

### Nation-wide Protests

On December 22, night of the "star chamber" proceedings, more than 600 workers picketed the building where the State Bar offices are located. Thousands of letters and telegrams of protest added to the campaign in Gallagher's defense, with the result that three of the four charges were dropped.

The Southern California Council for Constitutional Rights also carried a protest campaign to the people. Many trade unions, including striking maritime unions, protested directly to the State Bar.

On January 26, the State Bar sent Gallagher the following letter, signed by Mary McCarthy, secretary:

Admits Gallagher's Charges True "The matter of the State Bar investigation proceedings against you came regularly before this committee at its meeting January 19, 1937. The committee has carefully considered the facts brought to its attention and has concluded that they do not justify disciplinary action by the State Bar."

Observers declare that in vindicating Gallagher, the State Bar acknowledges truth of the charges against Crum. When Gallagher was notified of the action against him, he said:

"If the charges I made against Judge Crum are untrue, then I should be disbarred; but if, on the other hand, they are true, and I know that they are, then he should be disbarred."

From his sick bed, where he is now confined by an attack of flu, Gallagher issued the following statement on the dropping of the disbarment charges:



## Around the League

By Ben Dobbs  
State Administrative Secretary, Young Communist League  
"Well, that's over." YCLers are referring to the recent recruiting drive. But the work of making the YCL the kind of organization that our new members want has only begun. Sports, social events, above all teaching our new members how to learn to organize and fight for Socialism.

Then, of course, constant recruiting must go on. Certain sections of the state are going to have to start a recruiting drive instead of finishing one. At the same time we can well be proud of the work carried on in other sections. L.A. went over its quota when it recruited 359 members on a quota of 350. San Mateo Section went over its quota when it recruited 22 on a quota of 11. Red poppies to the waterfront branches in San Pedro and San Francisco! 70 new recruits for 'Frisco! The shining light here was Archie Brown—one of the best.

We can't allow ourselves to say "Well that's over." We are now preparing for the convention of the YCL in New York City. Delegates will be elected from each branch on the basis of 1 for every 25 members. Now is the time for all those branches that have, let's say 12 members, to recruit 13 more.

The YCL is rapidly learning how to appreciate the newly recruited members. Los Angeles County gave the waterfront branch a dinner on Christmas day—turkey and everything. San Francisco County wasn't far behind when they arranged a dinner for the Waterfront branch on New Year's Day—about 50 new waterfront recruits enjoyed the dinner—Frank Carlson spoke.

The Tom Mooney branch in San Francisco received a letter from Tom Mooney the other day that says in part, "Your warm greetings contained in your message brought real happiness to my heart. My wish is that your lot and the lot of all of those near and dear to you will be happy and bright during the year of 1937." Thanks, Tom! And the one way we can really have a good year will be to have you with us again.

The little banner on top of the shack reads "Bemis Bag Strikers." She walked up a little hesitatingly because this was the first time she had ever done anything like this before. In her arms were the ingredients for a feast of coffee and "May I present this from the Tom Mooney Branch of the YCL with our best wishes for a successful conclusion of your strike." The strikers gathered around and asked a lot of questions concerning the YCL—took the food and now on the wall of the shack is a letter reminding all the pickets of the service of the YCL.

Comrades, this should be done more often!  
Flash—Oakland stages rummage sale for Spain! Results—\$50 and new clothes for the functionaries.

Congrats to the new baby! Christening dinner last Saturday at Berkeley. University of California Branch gets new lease on life as its starts semester with new name—Lincoln Stephens Branch of the YCL. Telegrams of thanks from Ella Winter Steffens.

### LEARN

"I must say that the task of the Young Communist League can be summed up in one word—learn."—Lenin.  
Have you read the article: "Spain in the Struggle Against Fascism in No. 11 of the Communist International? Do you want to know—the exact history of the present Fascist uprising, just when and where Germany and Italy aided General Franco, the military strategy of the Loyalists? Here's the dope.

Now that Roosevelt is elected, how can Communists prevent his demagoguery from retarding the activity of the working class in its own interest? Now that the Trotskyites have entered the Socialist Party, what are we to do about establishing the united front? These and other knotty problems are solved by Earl Browder in his article "Results of the Election and People's Front," in the January Communist. And have you seen the swanky new cover on this year's Communist?

Just what are things like in the deep South? How can we make a first break in this wall of reaction? How can we persuade whites to work with Negroes? There's a bang up article by Richard Frank in this January Young Communist Review—"Broad and Deep As America"—on these questions.

## Youth Conference Will Participate in L. A. Elections

LOS ANGELES—A city-wide conference of young people, their organizations, and leaders, to discuss a program of action in the 1937 municipal elections will be held on February 6th and 7th at the Angelus Hotel here.

In their call to the Conference, the Promotional Committee lays stress on the fact that youth must recognize the responsibility in participating in the political life of their community for progress.

It is suggested by the committee that the issues around which a program for independent action in the coming municipal elections, should center around improved and enlarged recreational facilities, opportunity for employment for all young people over school age, the protection of democracy and civil rights, the destruction of vice and corruption.

Coming up for discussion is the question of endorsing a progressive-labor slate which will be drafted at a conference here January 24th. This assembly will further investigate the possibilities of running two youth candidates.

Methods of recording the opinion of non-voting youth by means of straw votes will be discussed.

The promotional committee lists among its sponsors Mort Newman, chairman of economic committee of the Christian Youth Council; Stan Rubin, editor of Daily Bruin, U.C.L.A.; Joe Moody, past president of the student body, Chapman College; and Bob Schroeder, president of the U.C.L.A. student body.

Listed as advisors are Reverend Edwin P. Ryland, member of the Methodist Council of the Ministerial Alliance and chairman of the California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; Anthony Pratt, executive secretary of the Municipal League, and C. C. Showan, president of the district council of Painters.

## Y. C. L. CONVENTION WILL GIVE ANSWERS TO BURNING PROBLEMS

By EDWIN ALEXANDER

"Your resolution today to affiliate with the Young Communist International will end the years of wavering and hesitation of the revolutionary youth movement in the United States. The young people of America will have a program of struggle for their social and economic demands."

Comrades, you have just written a bright page in the history of America.  
The place was a little farm house, far off the highway, in Connecticut. Time—April 22, 1922. The speaker was Max Bechard, representing the Communist International. Just forty young people had come from all parts of the country to attend the secret first national convention that organized the Young Communist League of America.

On April 2, 1937. The scene will be Madison Square Garden, New York City. Twenty thousand people will attend the opening session of the 8th national convention of the Young Communist League of America. Lead-

All YCL members are urged to contribute articles on League problems to the Western Worker Youth Page, Young Communist Review and Pilot, to aid the coming convention in making its decisions.

ers of the largest youth organizations in the United States—unions, Y's, church groups—will be present.

Then the elected representatives of each local branch of the Young Communist League will work for three days to answer clearly two central problems—"How are we to organize all young people who want a new social order into the Young Communist League, how are we going to unite our whole generation for peace and democracy?"

They will come away from the convention go back "to where they came from," back to the mines, docks, schools, mills of the country to help American youth give a real and practical answer to these questions.

I am sure they will come back with an answer because I have just come from an enlarged meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League that was held in Chicago over Christmas week to plan the preparations for this

## Y.C.L. Branches Raise Spain Funds

More Are Urged to Answer Carillo Appeal

Said Santiago Carillo, secretary of the Spanish United Socialist Youth League:

"I appeal to you, in the name of thousands of young men and women fighting, being wounded and dying, not only for the cause of Spain but for that of universal progress, democracy and civilization for the new generation of the whole world to unite in order to send us practical, effective help. We need your co-operation and the aid of all who defend the cause of peace. Come to our aid! The new Spanish generation trusts in you, the progressive youth of America."

Replied the Young Communist League of California:

Money raising parties by the Tanso Branch of Berkeley and North Oakland Branch. University of California Lincoln Stephens Branch placed boxes for money and bandages on campus.

San Francisco Needle Trades branch conducted an outing. Los Angeles—conference on January 24 at the First Unitarian Church to unite youth groups' activities for Spain.

Oakland YCL. One day rummage sale. All proceeds to Spain. And all other branches are called upon to do their part, and along with this to get mass attendance for the mass meetings to be addressed by the Spanish youth delegates.

## Snowmen Today, Guns Tomorrow



YOUTH OF TOKYO, little realizing how their minds are being poisoned by Fascist instruction they receive at school, merrily build a creature that resembles Hitler and place a swastika on his chest after hearing of the anti-Soviet agreement between Nazi Germany and the war lords of their own country. The youth in Spain are in the forefront of struggle against Fascists (see article below).

## Youth of Spain Face Fire Calmly

Defending World Democracy; Eye Witness Describes Heroism

By ROGER KLEIN

MADRID (YNS)—I have just returned from a three-hour trip to the front.

Passing the Princess Bridge, on the way to the front, we left our car in an obscure gully, hiding it as well as possible from the eyes of rebel aviators and protecting it on three sides at least from shells.

On every side of us, there were regular lanes laid out. We did not know where they led to. The suburb itself is, or was, composed of tiny modern dwellings, with tiny fenced-in little gardens in front of them. My guide, Carlos Alvarez, president of the Federal Youth organization, showed me to the kitchen of what had been a trim little bungalow, now two-thirds destroyed. There he introduced me to the chief of the Youth Front Battalion for the sector, Commander Lozada, in charge of operations.

Lozada didn't waste any time. "Come ahead, I'll take you up and show you myself." Lozada walked in front, Carlos and I followed in Indian file, sticking close to the street wall. We crossed the lane, crouching, in a shallow communication trench which zig-zagged across to the house on the other side. We entered it through a round, neat hole in the wall on the same line as the trench.

All this time the habitual noise to which all Madrid is now accustomed, the crack of rifles, the bursts of machine guns, the explosions of mortar bombs, kept up steadily. Now I was conscious of a new sound, a deeper, more throaty "boom," which I was told is caused by a new type of explosive used by the rebels.

The militiamen were grouped behind sandbag mounds, in groups of 20, or 30, or 10. I was shocked when I looked at them; they were all a bunch of kids, boisterous, rowdy, as more fortunate kids throughout the world are. These boys are cynical beyond their years. They make fun of everything, and life isn't so funny in this part of the globe. The effect is gruesome.

They laugh at the enemy, they laugh at each other during the day, but at night, each night, they have no time to laugh, for then the battle rages.

"We, we are Catalans," a young lieutenant told me, "the others in this group are Asturians, like Lozada, Alvarez, Vi-day and Rozado." Young republicans tell me of the feats of the trade union group, the socialists and Communist divi-

## "YOUNG AMERICA SPEAKS"

This space is open to publication of letters from young people in all walks of life. Write for it!

Letter to the District:

"R.F.D. No. 1, Arizona.

Dear Comrades:  
Several of us in our branch belong to the W. family and we have a new baby brother today. Money we might have used for the movement had to go for necessities for baby, but we shall make a YCL'er of him later.

My father has not made any-

thing this fall—we have had a very hard time trying to go to school. My sister works in a cafeteria to earn our lunches and we sold milk to buy our shoes and necessities for school. Yesterday my father bought a car which he intends to make into a truck. I am sure he can make a great deal more than he has made with the old Model T truck he has had all the past

## "Go East, Young Man" to Washington for Jobs and The Right to Education

### Pilgrimage Will Urge American Youth Act Passage

By FRANK CARLSON  
State Secretary  
Young Communist League

"Go East, young man, go East." That's what five modern pioneers will do early in February. With beards, beaver hats, shot guns, mimeograph machines, and loud speakers, young pioneers for social security pull out of San Francisco in February, headed East, in a motorized "covered wagon," to join the Youth Pilgrimage for the American Youth Act.

Last Spring, eminent authorities in every field of work and hundreds of leading young people, before the Senate Committee on Labor and Education, proved with figures and personal experiences the need for the American Youth Act. Now on February 19, the young people of America will conduct a mass pilgrimage to Washington—the climactic point in this drive for jobs, education and vocational training.

The California Youth Act, drawn up by 100,000 young people of California, with its ten million dollar appropriation, will provide a good deal of help in an emergency period.

But if one thing emerged clearly from the Assembly of Youth it was this: state security legislation, in order to be of any practical value, must be limited in scope according to the facilities of a state government to raise money. Valuable as state aid, may be the youth problem can only be met in an anywhere near satisfactory manner by federal legislation. The more you work for state youth legislation, the more convinced you become that federal action is basic to a solution.

The American Youth Congress is organizing the Pilgrimage as a dramatic means of presenting one million signatures for the American Youth Act to Congress. The Assembly of Youth in California has answered their call and is preparing to send a delegation from California.

There is one primary need according to the Assembly of Youth. That is money to send the delegation. If the Young Communist League is to show the way, if the YCL is to gain prestige in the eyes of the huge youth organizations that make up the Assembly of Youth, it will have to prove its mettle by helping this most immediate need—raising money to send the California covered wagon on the Pilgrimage to Washington for jobs, education and vocational training.

year, as he had to spend most of his time repairing it.

Also he intends to round up the adults who live near us and get together for their Party meetings again. They live so far apart, have such poor cars and work so hard that they have been unable to have a meeting for nearly two months. We are all active in the labor movement as far as we are able to do anything—I can assure you that our hearts are with the cause.

C. R. Sec. YCL.

Jan. 21, 1937.

To Whom It May Concern,

Today the CCC is faced with two alternatives. The first is that of further trenchment by the Army. Thru the press and "happy days," the Polyanapa paper for CCC consumption, we learn that we are to be given a program of infantry drill. It will be alternately, one day drill and one day of work. The drill will consist of close order with the rifle and actual target practice with regulation US Army 30 caliber rifles. Imagine the neat profit for the armament firms in supplying rifles and ammunition to 500,000 civilians in the CCC.

The second alternative is that the Dept. of Interior will take over the camps and operate them without the army setups. And from Mr. Fechner, head of the CCC, there will probably be a blanket civil service to cover existing enrollees with higher pay for local experienced men and technicians.

We sincerely hope that you will voice our opinion to the present congress which is to legislate on our fate.

Yours truly,  
A. R. . . . .  
CCC National Park Detachment  
Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley

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of California.

### 22 Legislators Introduce Cal. Youth Act

"We're learning things, learning fast," was the unanimous opinion of the youth leaders who went to Sacramento January 16 and 17 to lobby the California Youth Act for the Assembly of Youth. Twenty-two legislators signed the measure. Only two bills have a greater number of authors.

"But even our friends in the legislature need plenty of popular opinion behind them so they can continue their good work," said the Youth Assembly chairman, Mrs. Claudia Williams.

Between now and the end of February all organizations have been urged to send letters and delegations to their assemblymen and senator while their representatives are at home during the constitutional recess to "hear the voice of their constituents."

### Popeye Explodes Spinach Theory

"Spinach? Naw. I wanna tell ya—it ain't spinach that makes me so strong! Naw. Don't believe everything you read in the Hearst papers. I yam what I yam 'cause I yam a union man," declared Brother Popeye, Sailors Union No. 21345, in an exclusive interview.

They kids have given up "cops and robbers" and taken to "union men and shipowners." Latest trading prices on the Kids Exchange in San Pedro—three agree shooters and fifteen pictures of Marlene Dietrich are fair exchange—no robbery—for one ILA button.

How It Started  
George Walsh, member of the Miscellaneous Harbor Workers Union of San Francisco and secretary of the new Maritime Federation Junior Union told us about it. The idea started when a sturdy bunch of kids trooped into the Union Recreation Center last fall. "We come up to get some help in organizing a newsboys and bootblacks industrial union."

And now Walsh announces a real organizational drive. Week-end camps in the summer, Junior Union Clubs in each community center, buttons out this week.

Julius Stern, Marine Firemen, Harry Hook, Machinists' No. 68, Herman Stuyvelaar, Wa-

### What Is Provided By Various Acts to Aid Youth?

CYA, AYA, NYA: What are they at a glance?  
National Youth Administration; President Roosevelt's agency for youth relief.  
Provides for high school students—\$6 per month.  
Provides for college students—\$15 per month.  
Provides for unemployed—\$15 per month.

Total appropriation—\$50 million.

Number benefitted—650,000 or one-seventh of all youth whose families are on relief.

AMERICAN YOUTH ACT—the bill drawn up by the American Youth Congress.

High School Students—minimum \$15 per month.

College students—minimum \$25 per month.

Unemployed—union wages, minimum \$15 per week.

Number benefitted—all needy, regardless of expense.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH ACT—bill drawn up by Assembly of Youth.

Provides a representative Youth Commission to survey the needs of youth in California.

High school students—\$10 per month.

College students—\$25 per month.

Unemployed—union hourly wages.

Appropriation—\$10-\$15 million.

terfront Clerks, and Walsh make up the Junior Union board of trustees.

"Let Them Know!"

Referring to a statement that the young shouldn't be embroiled in "union politics," Walsh, a veteran of four years of social work in New York slums, exploded. "That's a lot of nonsense. Kids are aware of what's going on. They know all the details of the strike. Do you think they can live in a union man's home and not hear things? In the public schools and settlement houses, they hear either no union views, or in most cases, anti-union propaganda. You can't keep them away from thinking about unions. And as long as they are thinking about them, their fathers and mothers ought to see to it that they learn the right side in an official junior movement sponsored by the regular bodies of organized labor."

WHERE MONEY IS SPENT

CHICAGO—Too poor to clean alleys and collect garbage, the city of Chicago nevertheless spent \$322,000 on movie censorship in 1936.

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# THREATEN BILL IN CONGRESS TO EMBODY WAR DEPT. PLAN FOR WAR-TIME DICTATORSHIP

**Organized Labor's Constitutional Rights  
Would Be Abolished Under Plan For  
Industrial-Military Rule**

NEW YORK—The Military Affairs Committees of the House and the Senate are planning to introduce early in this session of Congress a bill or a series of bills embodying the War Department's Industrial Mobilization Plan, according to information received by the American League Against War and Fascism.

The American League has expressed its strong opposition to the plan time and again, because it would bring into operation a military-industrial dictatorship which would become active at the outbreak of war and until "the President chooses to declare an end to the emergency."

**Would Scrap Democracy**  
The Industrial Mobilization Plan, according to its exponents, is designed to avoid the economic evils of the last war. But at the very opening of the Plan, in the Foreword to the 1933 revision, stands the following statement:

"The objective of any warring nation is victory, immediate and complete. It is conceivable that a war might be conducted with such great regard for individual justice and administrative efficiency as to make impossible those evils whose existence in past wars is well known. It is also conceivable that the outcome of a war so conducted might be defeat. In all plans for preparedness and policies to be pursued in event of war, it must never be overlooked that while efficiency in war is desirable, effectiveness is mandatory."

**Plan for War and Fascism**  
The plan is found to be an implement for the hastening of war; for establishment of a dictatorship that is objectionable to democratic peoples and dangerous to democratic government; for establishment of a universal draft upon the man, woman and child power of the nation, involving the principle of "work or fight or starve," which constitutes a labor draft; for the operation of a military control that will reach out into every home and affect every person in the land; for the scrapping of all social legislation governing the labor of men, women and children; for the creation of laws and regulations under which employees "would suffer unequally as against owners and management"; and for an effective press and radio control even more systematic than that imposed during the last war.

The American people also will be interested in the fact that the Plan calls for a personnel drawn from the high councils of industry, with only an advisory function for the representative of labor.

Because of adverse criticism, and allegedly on advice of certain unnamed Senate leaders, the labor draft and press gag sections of the Plan will be omitted from the draft which will be introduced in Congress in the near future, but it is quoted on the authority of a government official who was associated with the Nye investigation, that these sections will be rushed through Congress when war is declared.

Secretary of War Henry T. Wooding also has declared in press interviews that "The War Department will propose a labor draft."

## Confer on Status Of Mexican Labor In Texas State

(Mexican Labor News)

MEXICO CITY.—The Confederation of Mexican Workers has announced that two members of its National Council, Fidel Velazquez and Rodolfo Soria, are in San Antonio, Texas, conferring with officials of the Texas Federation of Labor in an attempt to solve problems connected with the status of Mexican labor in that state.

The discrimination and exploitation to which Mexican workers have long been subjected in Texas is notorious, and it is hoped that, as a result of this conference, methods for protecting the rights of Mexicans in Texas can be worked out.

## STRIKE DEMANDS WON

DETROIT—Wages were raised and a discharged worker reinstated after a 24-day strike of the United Automobile Workers in the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Co., leaving the union brass core to deal with General Motors.

# Fascists Launched Spain Civil War, Writes Author

Civil war came in Spain because "Spanish workers and peasants were simply trying to rid Spain of those social indecencies that Cromwell and our Puritan fathers finally destroyed in England," and was made by Fascists because democracy was marching on and "there was no danger of a red revolution," writes John Langdon-Davies, war correspondent for The London News-Chronicle, in his new book "Behind the Spanish Barricades."

The author blasts the lies about "Moscow gold" financing the Spanish government, and sharply criticizes England for failing to line up with France and the Soviet Union to stop the Fascist war-instigators—Italy, Germany and Japan.

## Scotch Workers Are Making Clothes to Give Spain Militia

HAWICK, Scotland.—A whole factory of 14 looms, knitting and winding machines, and hundreds of willing hands, are producing warm clothes for the Spanish government militia in this small town in the Scottish Moors on Roxburghshire, halfway between Edinburgh and Carlisle.

Practically the only industry in this town has been the woolen mills and homespun tweed factories, which have closed down. The unemployed workers took possession of a factory with the object of making woolen clothes for the Spanish fighters for democracy, but were hampered by lack of funds. Immediately donations were taken up all over Great Britain.

## Ready For Fascist Invaders



WHILE JAPANESE militarists make new anti-Soviet threats, and work with Nazis, Mussolini, and Trotskyite foes of Soviet Union for invasion of the land ruled by workers and farmers, the Soviet people are prepared to resist any Fascist attack. Left, Red Army men in maneuvers; at right, Soviet woman worker studies results of production in her factory.

# Sen. Pittman Says Help Arm Nazis, Abandon Spain

NEW YORK.—Senator Key Pittman, reactionary Democrat, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, favors arming Nazi Germany with copper, nickel and oil!

While newspapers wondered why Sir Walter Runciman and Sir Otto Niemeyer, of Germany, should visit the U.S. at this time, the Wall Street Journal supplied the answer with a screaming headline: "Pittman favors aid to Germany by United States as promoting stability."

The story attributed to Pittman the belief that a concerted international effort is being made to provide Germany with raw materials she needs.

Such an international attempt is being made to "stabilize" German Fascism by enabling German industry to maintain armament production (and no agreement can induce the Nazi government to slacken preparation for a robber war).

And Pittman took the lead in denying war materials to the legal and democratic government of Spain, which is fighting for its life against Spanish Fascism and Hitler and Mussolini intervention.

## German Troops Wear Nazi Swastika

MADRID.—For the first time, troops have appeared in the fighting against the Spanish government militia, carrying the swastika flag of Nazi Germany, the government reports.

Previously, the thousands of German and Italian soldiers fighting for Franco against the government, have worn fake "Spanish" uniforms.

# PEOPLE'S PEACE PROGRAM IS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

**Amend Neutrality Act, Support Nye-Kvale  
Bill to Stop Militarization of Youth  
Of America, Urged in Program**

Calling for broad organization of labor and the people generally for peace and against war, and for a fight for a legislative peace program in Congress, the Communist Party has brought forward the following people's demands for a peace program in the United States:

1. **Peace Policy.** Develop a consistent peace policy based on the principle that the United States can be kept out of war only by keeping war out of the world.
2. **Spain.** The government should permit the sale of supplies and arms to the legal and friendly Spanish government. No supplies should be sent to the Fascist rebels. The people must give full support to Spanish democracy, and build the organizations which are actively supporting the struggle against the Fascists.
3. **Latin America.** Abolish the Monroe Doctrine. Recognize the complete equality of the Latin American countries. No intervention in the internal affairs of the small nations of the Western Hemisphere. Work for the collaboration of the American nations, for peace in the Western Hemisphere, based on collective security and collaboration with the peace forces of the world.
4. **Far East.** Develop a genuine peace policy in the Pacific in close collaboration with the Soviet Union and the Chinese people, to stop the aggression of the Japanese militarists.
5. **General.** Prohibit the sale and delivery of goods and the granting of loans to nations engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. Strengthen all measures for collective security and pass effective measures to this end which will lead to cooperation with the Soviet Union, the League of Nations, and all peace forces of the world, against the aggressions of Germany, Italy and Japan. (Amend the present neutrality Act in accordance with the principles here stated.)
6. **Imperialist Intervention.** End American intervention in the internal affairs of the Latin American countries and the Philippines. Free Puerto Rico and give it complete independence. No recognition of the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and China and the Italian rape of Ethiopia.
7. **Armaments.** Divert the billions spent for war preparations to support the suffering unemployed and to finance needed social, health and educational legislation.
8. **Military Training.** Abolish compulsory military training of youth, the ROTC and the CMC. End military control in the CCC. (Support the Nye-Kvale Bill.)
9. **Munitions Industry.** Nationalize the entire munitions industry.

## Urge Support For Release of Diaz From Island

SAN FRANCISCO.—Workers are urged by the International Labor Defense to pack the court room of Federal Judge St. Sure, Postoffice Bldg., next Monday at 10 a. m., when hearing comes up on a writ to obtain release of Juan Diaz from Angel's Island.

George Anderson, I.L.D. attorney, will defend Diaz, who was imprisoned in McNeil's Island prison for running for office in 1933 without being a citizen. Diaz believed he was born in the Hawaiian Islands, but records were produced he had been taken there by his parents when a baby. He was to be deported to Spain, but this, due to the civil war, is now impossible. He has been detained pending deportation for seven months.

## MINN. SOLONS HEAR SPANISH YOUTH GROUP

**Cal. Communist Party Lists  
Donations for Spain  
Above \$1500 Mark**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Members of the Minnesota State Legislature heard four youthful envoys from the Spanish Popular Front government make an appeal for American aid week, after the legislators voted two-to-one to let to the delegation.

After the delegates spoke, a collection was taken in the legislature, predominantly Farmer-Labor, and later presented to the four young Spanish war veterans at a huge mass meeting in Municipal Auditorium. More than 1200 people greeted the delegation.

## Have You Done Your Bit?

SAN FRANCISCO.—Past the \$1500 mark went the collection by the Communist Party of California of funds for the aid of Spanish democracy, last week. The donations included:

Previously acknowledged, \$1,445.12; A. \$1; O. S. \$1; N. \$1; John Smith, \$7; A. Friend, \$5; A. Friend, \$2.50; S. F. County Bureau, \$2.50; Los Angeles, \$17; T. H. Bretz, \$40; Total, \$1,522.12.

All funds collected by the Communist Party are immediately forwarded to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy in New York City, and go to send food, clothes and medical supplies to Spain. Further donations should be sent to Communist Party, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

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**Start Check to See  
That All Recruits  
Become Active**

(Calif. Organizational Commission, Communist Party)

The last few days brought renewed energy and vigor into our recruiting drive and we want to compliment our comrades and ask that they utilize the remaining few days until February to bring every possible contact into our Party.

This is the last opportunity for our comrades to become eligible for the Party Builders' Congress in San Francisco February 6-7. So without losing time, every section and county should immediately check to see who is eligible to be a delegate or to receive the prizes.

Also check that new recruits are in our new members' classes and active in units. To recruit is only one-half of the battle, every section and county should immediately check to see who is eligible to be a delegate or to receive the prizes.

## Here Are The Figures

Here are latest results from the Recruiting Front up to the third week of January:

San Francisco	539
Los Angeles	556
Alameda County	154
Monterey	39
Bakersfield	32
Sacramento	30
San Diego	28
Santa Clara	34
Contra Costa	22
Merced	21
San Bernardino	15
Santa Barbara	17
Tulare	6
San Mateo	4
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# The Govt. of Mexico Under Cardenas

By a Correspondent  
(Summarized from a questionnaire presented by Rafael Carrillo, editor of El Machete, organ of the Communist Party of Mexico.)

MEXICO CITY.—The situation in Mexico today presents a picture which is neither casually nor specifically determined. The facade of a Mexican United Front is easily knocked down. For about a year and a month there has been an organizational

upon the committee. Now the difficulty will be to find a policy that will suit the various parties concerned. The PNR, and other organizations working upon the committee, suggest a policy that is merely reformist in character. The Communist Party feels that the program should have definite revolutionary qualities.

The resolution of this situation would be to present the question clearly before the public, stimulate public discussion upon the matter, and permit the masses to understand the situation, and to see clearly the necessity for the revolutionary elements demanded by the Communist Party.

The Cardenas government, representing the PNR (the people's party) is balanced between the reactionary forces, and the forces of the left, which are usually strong enough, through the use of mass pressure, to swing the government in their direction. Cardenas, elected with the support of the masses, realizes that his strength is due to the masses, and usually acts in accordance with their demands.

The elements on the Right side of the government, the Fascist forces, are to be found largely among the middle class. When the Gold Shirts were discovered ineffective, a confederation of the middle class (the CMC) was formed. The most active work of the CMC is carried out by young people, and especially by the university students.

**Fascist Lineup**  
The police constitute another element in the Fascist lineup. They take every opportunity to commit violence. Six months ago, there was considerable violence at a demonstration of

chauffeurs. The recent police violence at a protest meeting of the Communist Party (protesting against the government's allowance of Trotsky into Mexico) was due directly to Vicente Gonzales, the chief of police. He was not punished because Cardenas was absent from the city. In the army a few chiefs were pro-Fascist, but they have been dismissed from chief places by the government. A few "veterans of the revolution" are pro-Fascist, but they are no longer in the army.

**No Trotsky Strength**  
In permitting Trotsky to enter Mexico, General Eduardo Hay, Foreign Relations Secretary, has stated that Mexico upholds her "best traditions and acts moreover on grounds of the highest ethics." Despite noisy newspaper headlines, there is little Trotsky strength in Mexico. A few trade leaders in the Federal District are Trotskyites. But in the main, the Mexican problem is an agrarian one and the Trotsky trade program is negative. The Communist Party considers that Trotsky will cause no more than superficial interest in Mexico.

In general, Cardenas has a left reformist point of view. The most positive elements of his government are: the support given to the agrarian program, and the freedom given Communist Party activities and workers' movements.

The Mexican electoral system permits the free expression of the masses, though their wishes are not always carried out. Recently, there has been a move to see that mass wishes are effective. The workers have as much liberty as they choose in mass demonstrations, meetings, parades, etc.

The Cardenas government fights sincerely for the betterment of the masses and the crushing of feudal elements. Nevertheless this fight must be supplemented and continually supported by strong mass pressure in order that strong imperialist elements may not swing the government to the right.

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## L.A. PAINTERS IN LIVE-WIRE ORGANIZATION

### Strike Victory Gives Bosses Cue Union Means Business

By a Painter  
LOS ANGELES.—The painters of Los Angeles are on the march, and our goal is the complete unionization of our industry.

The delegates of the Painters' District Council are convinced and determined to allow nothing to hinder it. The first battle of this drive has just been waged and demonstrated to all the contractors who will refuse to play ball with us, that they are dealing with an organization in whose leadership there is that determination and conviction of success.

**Successful Strike**  
On Friday, January 15, the council decided to pull the men out of the J. P. Carroll Shop if they refused to sign our agreement.

On Monday morning, about 90 per cent of the men walked out, which took our stubborn contractor by surprise, and by greater surprise when he found outside a picket line of 50 men. The contractors of this section have repeatedly proclaimed that the Council is vacillating, it has no fight, that we do a lot of talking but take no action.

The following day the contractor asked for a committee, and the result was the signing of an agreement.

This was through the action of the organizing committee and its militant and sincere activities.

### Three New Live Wire Organizers

Commencing this Monday, the Council decided to put three new business agents in the field. These brothers are live wires—they are the candidates of the progressive slate that was chosen by a referendum vote. These men, Sam Abel, John Healy and Brother Meeks, are brothers that every member is proud of. They are honest, militant and courageous and will give to the Council the best they have in them.

On Saturday flying squads that activate the rank and file, are doing excellent work. The District Council is humming with activity and our slogan is every member an organizer, and 100 per cent unionization of painters in Los Angeles.

## U.R.C. Quintet Is Tied for First

By a Maritime Worker  
SAN FRANCISCO.—The Union Recreation Center basketball team, tied for first place in the City Recreation League, winning its third straight game to tie the Blues for leadership.

U.R.C.'s five has also beaten the Fort Scott soldiers in a practice game. The team beat the Winged F. National Guard, 23 to 17. The Panthers 25 to 24, Delta Nu Epsilon 34 to 23 in League games.

**Four on Sick List**  
Injuries and sickness have hampered the URC squad. Gleason and Pavloff are nursing bad ankles, and Erkkila and Lavin have bad colds. Other members of the squad include Jimmy Sutter, Art Ortiz from the Longshoremen; Carl Spitz, Manny Escobar, Gene Dougherty, Carl Haas from the Warehousemen; Charlie Quentin from the Marine Firemen; and Russ Jones from the Bargemen.

Friday, January 29, the URC quintet plays the blues in the crucial Group II game, of the B. Class, at Roosevelt High gym, Geary and Arguello Blvds.

## State Highway Cop Charged as Drunk

SACRAMENTO.—G. Weldon Brown, captain of Yuba and Sutter State Highway Patrols, faces charges of intoxication, misconduct and neglect of duty. The patrols have been notorious for their anti-labor activity.

## Senate Bill Would Open Schools to All Groups

SACRAMENTO.—California school houses would be opened to meetings of all organizations, "including Communist groups," it is proposed under a bill offered in the State Senate last week by Senator Harry C. Westover, of Orange County.

## LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

When we talk about a Farmer-Labor Party and having labor representatives in office, we don't mean that merely belonging to a trade union is qualification to hold office, or that this means electing union men to office as Democrats or Republicans... Imagine what kind of a public office-holder

## VIGILANTISM IN RIVERSIDE HIT BY COMMUNISTS

Leaflet Exposes Reasons for Night-Riders As Mask for Political Corruption

By a Worker Correspondent  
RIVERSIDE.—Following are parts of a leaflet issued by the San Bernardino and Riverside Section of the Communist Party against local vigilantism, under the heading: "Poor Vigilantes! Left Out in the Cold!"

"The other night we had the lamentable sight of 40 or 50 of the bravest and most public-spirited citizens of Riverside shivering while they 'picketed' a meeting of a group of people who believe in the American traditions of free speech, press and assembly, and who thought these should be more than mere words.

**Lawless 'Law and Order'**  
"The result was that the upholders of 'Law and Order' got into their nice cars and drove away, cursing the 'Reds' and their own rotten luck—'going to town to get us something to drink and warm us up.'"

"But they left some perplexing problems behind them. 'Why, if they are such law-abiding men, such red-blooded citizens, do they go to so much trouble to keep their identities secret?'

"True, they have not yet adopted the bed-sheets and masks of the K.K.K. and the Black Legion, but when they go forth to terrorize, WHY do they cover up their license plates with sacks, or stand in front of the plates to keep the numbers hidden?"

**WHAT HAVE THEY TO HIDE?**  
"Is it because the American people, in the last election, delivered such a crushing rebuke to Hearst, Landon, Coughlin, and the other No. 1 vigilantes of this country?"

**They Mask Political Corruption**  
"Is it because these night-riders of Riverside have political interests to protect, which might be destroyed in another election if the voters of Riverside County and City knew what rats and snakes were in their midst?"

"We have not forgotten how Earl Redwine, district attorney of Riverside, some years ago in an open trial, announced to the jury: 'If you do not bring in a verdict of guilty against those people, there are men in this court-room who will ride out at night, and I WILL RIDE WITH THEM.'"

"For several months now, gangs of men have been riding out at night, and even in the day time, with license plates carefully covered with sacks, and parking or driving back and forth in front of places where liberal and progressive groups were meeting.

"Their obvious intentions are to scare away people who would come to these meetings, and thus isolate the more sincere and courageous from the bulk of the people in Riverside County. They are not succeeding entirely.

**How long before they do more than 'peaceful picketing'?**  
**How long before they become 'brave' enough to commit some atrocity like the Shoemaker lynching in Florida? Or the Black Legion murders in Detroit?**

"Citizens of Riverside—we call upon you to protest against these night-riders. Demand that the legal authorities of Riverside County investigate these vigilantes. Demand that the police of Riverside, and the Sheriff's Office of Riverside County, be held responsible for any violation of the law by these vigilantes or night-riders.

"Issued by the San Bernardino and Riverside Section of the Communist Party, P. O. Box 966, San Bernardino, Calif."

### WHOSE COURT IS IT?

NEW ORLEANS.—The Louisiana Supreme Court denied a writ to set aside a verdict convicting Communist organizer Wm. Binkley of 'having no means of visible support.'

## STRIKE GETS UNIONS GOING IN MONTEREY

### Deep Sea Fishermen, Cannery Unions Grow Fast

By a Worker Correspondent  
MONTEREY.—After many years of suffering starvation, intimidation and low wages, the workers of Monterey finally decided to strike rather than to submit to further degradation.

Shortly after the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union smashed the Fishermen's Protective Association by recruiting all workers from this company-controlled outfit into the Deep Sea Union, they struck demanding the same wages and conditions enjoyed all along the Pacific Coast.

**Cannery Union Grows**  
The Cannery Union, having a membership of about 100, utilized this opportunity to call a sympathy strike and at the same time put forth three basic demands—union recognition, uniform wage agreement and no discrimination against union members.

Today, regardless of the outcome of the strike, the Cannery Workers Union has grown from 100 members to over 700, increased its financial standing from over \$200 in debt to give them plenty of cash on hand to set the union on its feet again. This strike has put organized labor in Monterey in a position to build a powerful trade union movement in this Fascist-minded stronghold. One month ago the largest union here had about 100 members.

**Deep Sea Union 100% Organized**  
Today the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union is 100 percent organized with a membership of over 700. The Cannery Workers Union, it is rumored, has already signed several canneries and hopes to get more, and has established itself.

This organization campaign can and must be utilized by other cannery unions elsewhere, in really carrying out the plan to organize the tens of thousands of exploited agricultural workers in California. After the season is closed here and the workers scatter all over the state, each and every member must do his or her part to carry on the struggle to organize wherever they may go.

Let the action of the workers in building a cannery union help other workers. The first three days of the strike, hundreds of workers poured into both the Deep Sea Union and Cannery Union, all eager to raise their miserable wages and living conditions.

Next year, let both organizations unite together against the greedy landowners and bankers and demand signed contracts which will wipe out the misery and starvation that has been the lot of Monterey workers for a number of years.

## Job "Service" Run For Labor-Haters

By a Worker Correspondent  
NAPA.—Following is an article which appeared in "The Napa Daily Register":

"Did you know that the government maintains an employment office in Napa? That this office's primary function is to serve private industry and individual labor without cost to employer or employee?"

"Each individual registered for work is carefully classified as to his occupation and ability, based on his work experience. It has people registered, presently employed, but who are looking for better jobs. It does not hire the labor but simply makes the referrals and employer and employee agree on final terms.

"This office secured 63 jobs for workers in private industry in December, according to D. E. Sanborn, manager, National Re-employment Service, Chamber of Commerce Building."

The answer to this article is very simple because the National Re-employment Office is backed up by the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Supervisors. The members on the Board of Supervisors all own farms and advocate wage scales of 25 cents per hour for their crop harvests—another reason for the necessity of a Farmer-Labor Party.

This type of article appears every winter. The reactionary elements are applying the pressure on labor. Napa is known as a town of reactionaries because it is a town where the "upper crust"—all of which are Republicans—reigns supreme.

## Where Do We Go From Here?



ONE OF THE 200 men turned out of the City Shelter for Homeless Men in Philadelphia after the ruling that the city would no longer provide for them. Bill Van Hagen stares at the notice, after reading in his park bench newspaper that the Statesburys, local partners of House of Morgan, had thrown a party costing a few hundred thousand dollars.

## Marine Strikers Get Food From Sonoma C. P.

By a Worker Correspondent  
SANTA ROSA.—A load of chickens, eggs, other foodstuffs, as well as \$8 cash, was sent the maritime strikers in San Francisco from the Sonoma Section of the Communist Party.

This makes the second such donation. The Sonoma comrades plan to send at least one load a week for the duration of the strike. The donations come from workers and poor farmers.

## Defends Cannery Union Officials Against Slander

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—At the general meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Jan. 17, Brother Woolf, president of the union, announced that he and Brother Berolla had voluntarily of their own accord reduced their wages.

Brother Woolf's wages were \$50 per week. He said he had been cut down to \$40. Brother Berolla, as secretary-treasurer, was drawing \$35 per week. Woolf stated that Berolla had reduced his wages to \$30 per week. This, according to Brother Woolf, was to protect the union's financial standing.

**Hits Tongue Wagging**  
This must have been a great surprise to that group of brothers who are going around red-baiting, saying that they are nothing but reds after money. It must have been an especial surprise to Mr. Luis O. Rivera who is saying that both Berolla and Woolf are going to be kicked out of the union, and that he is the one who is going to kick them out.

Brother Rivera should bring his charges before the union general meeting, and not go wagging his tongue around.

**100 Percent Unionists**  
It is a certainty that he has no charge. Brother Berolla's record as a unionist is 100 percent good. He has served as official of different unions more than once, without one cent of wages, so he is not "after money."

Anyone who cares to investigate Brother Woolf's record will find that he is a 100 percent unionist! Perhaps Brother Rivera has forgotten that at the inception of our union, it was decided by the membership that any brother found of slandering or talking in a manner that would hurt the good character of the officials of our union, would be expelled!

## Form Sacto. Group To Aid Spain

SACRAMENTO.—The Accion Democratica Espanola, composed of Spanish people supporting the legal government of Spain against Fascism, was organized here recently at the Lenhart Hotel, with 65 persons present.

Volunteer donations of \$102 were collected on the spot. Officers elected are: Luis Puente, president; M. G. Gonzales, secretary; M. Reta, treasurer; O. Presa, vice-president. Address is P. O. Box 1581—Spanish people desiring to join the organization are asked to write in.

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## CANDY WORKERS WIN STRUGGLE

Union Organization Is Sweet To Workers In Bay Area

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO.—After a two-hour strike, the Confectionary and Bakery Workers International Union has returned to work in the candy industry with a 10 percent increase in wages and union recognition.

They had demanded a 15 percent increase. However, they returned to work after the company had promised the other five percent 90 days from January 22.

Union leaders admit, however, that the five percent held over is a smart trick invented by the bosses to rob the workers of many dollars, due to the fact that for 90 days, the workers will not get this five percent; also, that 90 days from now work will decrease until the Christmas rush and many workers will be laid off until then—therefore, another big saving for the companies.

However, union leaders consider this strike a great victory in view of the fact that the union is only a few months old. Steps are being taken to make this union a great power for collective bargaining with the employers of the candy industry of the entire Bay region.

**Plan to Organize Salmon Workers**  
By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO.—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union is going to do everything possible this year to unionize the salmon workers in Alaska 100 percent by elimination of such gangs as the "beach gang," "cannery gang," etc.

The beach-gang, who unload the fish from the barge to the fish house, must go through the hiring hall of a fishermen's union, or through the hall of the ACWU. Without union connections, they will be considered as scabs.

**Want Union Machinists**  
The cannery gang, which is composed of the company's cannery machinist and helpers, must also be unionized. They should go from the hiring offices of a Machinists' local.

An official of the ACWU will get in touch before sailing time with a Machinists' local of their city to talk about the question of union machinists in the Alaska canneries.

Another gang, the natives—steps will be taken to unionize them, but until such time they will be treated as union men and everything possible will be done by the union so these men or women get the same pay and conditions as the union members.

## U.S. Govt. Finally Seeks to Recover Stolen Oil Lands

LOS ANGELES.—After \$13,000,000 have already been extracted in oil and gas, the U.S. government has filed in federal court to recover a section of rich Naval Reserve oil lands in Kern County valued at \$23,000,000.

The lands, legally always government lands, have been in private hands since 1914.

Defendants are Standard Oil of California, Pan-American Petroleum Co. Calif. Gas Co., Bank of America, Chase National Bank of New York, Tide Water Associated Oil, Kern County, and many individuals including trustees of Edward L. Doheny's estate.

## Try to Terrorize Progressive and Liberal Meetings

Find Dictaphone Plant in Private Home; Vigilantes Try to Intimidate People At Communist Open Meeting

By a Worker Correspondent

RIVERSIDE.—For the last two months or so, we in Riverside have been bothered quite a bit by groups of vigilantes.

Whenever a liberal or progressive or Communist Party meeting is held, these vigilantes are always there. As yet they have not attempted to use any force or violence. Their usual procedure is to drive up in front of the house where a meeting is being held and park there.

Then they will get out of their cars and walk up and down the road, and at times will throw spotlights on the house. There is usually about five cars of them.

**Try to Terrorize Citizens**  
These vigilantes drive by homes of progressives several times each day and night during the week, and act as though they were looking for meetings.

They put on their "act" at meetings of the Epic United Councils for Political Action, etc.

We recently heard that the sheriff's office here had recently acquired a large number of dictaphones, so many progressives immediately got busy looking for dictaphones in their homes.

I did find a dictaphone, or a part of one, planted in my house. My radio is a table model, and sets right next to my front room window, with the radio wires running out the window.

I found this dictaphone hung under the table which the radio is on. The wires ran out the window from the dictaphone, intermingled with my radio wires and would never be noticed by just glancing at the wires. These two wires were cut off directly outside the window. I have no idea how long it had been there.

**15 Vigilante Cars**  
Recently an open meeting of the Communist Party was held in a home out in the country, with about 18 people present, mostly liberals. This was a test to see what the vigilantes would do.

About 30 minutes after the meeting started, there were about 13 or 15 cars of vigilantes drove up and parked in front of the house. Two people went down and took the license numbers of as many cars as they could, about eight or 10 numbers.

The vigilantes offered them no violence, but told them to "keep moving," which they did.

These vigilantes stayed about an hour, then they all left.

## Warehouse Work At 50 c An Hour

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—Last Saturday morning I worked at the American Tartar Company, 100 Bay St., unloading railroad cars and stacking in their warehouse.

There were five of us working at 50 cents an hour. I am informed the union scale is 75 cents an hour, but there is no union organization in this plant. We got our part-time jobs out of the State Employment Office at 599 Mission St.

We unloaded 40 tons in less than three hours with nothing but trucks to work with.

Incidentally, the car was loaded with wine slag from Fascist Italy, that came in on the Great Northern Railroad, shipped from Italy, and unloaded in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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## CORPORATION TO FORCE WORKERS UNDER SPEED-UP

Texas Corp. Is Planning to Squeeze \$1500 a Year More From Workers

By a Worker Correspondent  
LOS ANGELES.—The Texas Corporation—oil and sulphur—now proposes to place a new burden on its employees by forcing them to earn an additional \$1500 a year each for the company from now until such a time as organized workers and farmers stop this form of thieving.

This company has asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to allow it to sell its present stockholders a little more than 1,500,000 shares of stock at \$40 per share.

**What Workers Get**  
This would net the company \$60,000,000 in cash, but its employees will get something entirely different.

They will have to produce dividends on this additional 1.5 million shares and will in the future have to earn about \$1500 each over and above what they earned for the company in 1936. This is what is meant when they talk of stocks "earning" dividends seep-up.

This is the answer to the employees' dream of a little of the bloated earnings this company has derived from exploiting national resources. The management, by increased efficiency, is to squeeze from 30,000 employees about \$45,000,000 annually. This is the employees' "bonus" while the company has given those working on an hourly basis only a 2 1/2 percent increase in wages in a six-months' period.

**Just A Sop**

Another announcement by the company management is that it will recommend the adoption of a group life insurance and pension claim for employees. This is another way to beat a real improvement of workers' conditions, because at best it only allots a small insurance benefit and then holds this over the worker's head if he attempts to organize or strike to get some real measure of improvement.

LOS ANGELES  
**IF YOU ARE IN LOS ANGELES SAT., FEB. 6 8:30 P. M.**  
Don't fail to attend the **VICTORY BALL** OF THE International Workers Order at **Women's Council Auditorium**  
214 LOMA DRIVE (No. 2 car going west)  
PROGRAM  
1—PAULINE KANIQSBURO  
Pianist  
2—MR. "X"  
Radio Crooner  
3—6 Piece Union Orchestra  
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# Los Angeles Labor Goes Ahead For Own Slate in Spring Polls

## CARPENTERS' LEADER VOICES NEED TO WORK WITH ALL FORCES OF PROGRESSIVISM

Only Busick Opposes Action in Conference Held Last Sunday; Buzzell Doesn't Want An Independent Slate

LOS ANGELES—Enthusiastically adopting an 18-point program Labor's Conference for the Municipal Elections called upon the Central Labor Council here last Sunday to lead the movement for united political action in the coming spring elections and decided since this is the only organization at the present time carrying on the work for labor's independent activity that this "conference empowers its executive committee to carry on in its regular capacity the work of the election campaign with the sincere hope that the Central Labor Council will discuss and act upon the proposals herein made," referring to the statement later accepted by the Conference.

### Buzzell's Action

At the Conference a committee from the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, headed by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, appeared and informed the Conference of the Council's decision that tabled the Conference's original letter of invitation to the Central Labor Council to send observing delegates and elected instead this committee to inform the conference of the Council's position.

C. W. Van Winkle of the Carpenter's District Council reporting for the Executive Committee of Labor's Conference for the Municipal elections stressed in his opening remarks the necessity of maintaining and furthering the unity of labor in cooperation with liberal and progressive forces in the next municipal elections.

"I have been outstanding in advocating affiliation of local unions with the Central Labor Council," Van Winkle declared. "This Conference has never wanted to supersede the Council but many of us are dissatisfied with the present procedure of supporting candidates that are placed in the field, mostly by the vested interests."

Van Winkle read the editorial of the "scabby" Los Angeles Times of January 23rd which attacked the conference for its attempts to bring the labor issue into the next municipal elections. The editorial brought forth laughter from the delegates.

### Reaffirm Stand

"This editorial," Van Winkle continued, "minus its attacks, make much more clearer our purposes and aims than any words that I could use would do." He then read a prepared statement of the executive committee which makes clear and reaffirms the Conference's position regarding independent action of labor in cooperation with progressive and liberal forces in the next elections and which calls upon the Central Labor Council to take the leadership in this work by calling a city-wide conference of all local unions and councils in cooperation with progressive and liberal forces to further the work.

"We firmly believe that only complete unity of labor and liberal forces will bring the desired results," the statement read in part. The statement ended with an answer to the Los Angeles Times and a call to the labor movement not to allow the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and the Chamber of Commerce, whose mouthpiece the Times is, to divide the ranks of labor.

Buzzell in reporting for the Central Labor Council attempted to convince the conference that such action as the conference proposes is impossible in the present time. He further pointed to the fact that the delegates present here are not satisfied with the way the Council handles political problems that they can express their opinion in the Council and not set up a separate body for that.

### Unity of Action

J. W. Gillette also speaking for the Council declared that he made the motion that made it possible for the delegation to come to the Conference. He very strongly urged for unity of action and that this problem of labor's participation in the next municipal elections should be brought before the Central Labor Council.

"We do not ask you to disband," he said. "Go as a caucus, but for God's sake take it up in the Council, where you have the right to make any changes in the setup that you want to make."

Regarding the statement read by Van Winkle, Gillette stated:

## Charges Fletcher Grafting

### SAYS OIL CO'S PAY OPPONENTS OF CIO UNIONS

#### Labor Traitor Leads Effort to Isolate Oil Workers

LONG BEACH—Reactionary Long Beach labor leaders, headed by ex-Mayor Carl Fletcher, have been receiving money from major oil companies in the name of and without the permission of the Oil Workers' Union, and in return have been printing a series of huge anti-Communist advertisements.

This and other charges of blackest corruption were hurled against Fletcher and the Long Beach Labor News by Secretary-Treasurer James C. Coulter of Oil Workers' Local 128 in an uproarious meeting of the Long Beach Labor Council Jan. 19. At the same time Coulter offered to present documentary proof of all charges made.

The exposure came as a counter-attack against a movement led by Fletcher to prevent the re-election of any representatives of the oil workers to the Long Beach Labor Council executive offices and to isolate the oil workers from the rest of the labor movement in Long Beach on account of their affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

### Local Acts

Coulter acted on authority of Local 128 which the previous Monday had passed a resolution withdrawing financial and moral aid to the Labor News, cancelling its subscriptions, denying the paper the further use of its mailing list and notifying several oil companies of its action.

Some of the more serious of the charges were:

That the Long Beach Labor News has been soliciting large donations from major oil companies, both in the name of the Oil Workers' Union and J. C. Coulter as secretary. These funds were to pay for the printing of huge red-baiting advertisements that have appeared in the paper.

That the Labor News solicited, without authority, but in the name of the Oil Workers' Union, funds for Labor Day celebrations, all expenses of which were paid directly by the unions.

### Christmas Funds

That last year the Labor News solicited, in the name of the Oil Workers' Union, funds to aid needy oil workers' families—all without the knowledge or consent of the union.

In the local meeting prior to the charges in the Labor Council Coulter exhibited a letter from the Union Oil Company stating that the name of the Oil Workers' Union had been used in the solicitation of money.

Coulter submitted evidence showing that the General Petroleum Corporation, Standard Oil subsidiary and agent of the Socomeo-Vacuum Company of New York, was one of the contributors.

Part of the evidence on the Christmas donations was a check for \$5 written by a local physician, payable to the union and cashed on the rubber-stamp endorsement of the Long Beach Labor News.

### \$50 Per Hour

Coulter declared that Fletcher receives a salary of \$50 per week as editor and that he spends less than an hour a week at this task. Five men are getting full-time salaries from this one paper.

Fletcher did not attempt to give any direct answer to Coulter's charges. He made only the statement that "In the main the Labor News is conducted along the usual lines, just like other papers."

The fact that this is a fight of craft union reactionary officials in Long Beach to stop the militant influence of the Committee for Industrial Organization, although this aspect has been largely concealed by officials on both sides.

Members of the Long Beach local insisted from the floor that the charges be pressed vigorously against Fletcher, and that nothing be allowed to prevent the oil workers from remaining in the council and appealing to the entire labor movement.

### Sabotaged Endorsement

It is notorious in Long Beach that the Labor News contains virtually no news of the local

### Busy Days for John L. Lewis



THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIO (at the right), who is seeking a congressional investigation of General Motors company unions, conferring with Asst. Secretary of Labor McGrady, after hearing strike reports from leaders of the United Automobile Workers of America.

## RY-LOCK CAN'T HALT UNIONIZING SO IT LOCKS OUT ITS EMPLOYEES

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—Entering the anti-labor field in a blaze of dishonor, Ry-Lock Co. Ltd., manufacturers of Venetian blinds, locked out their grossly underpaid employees to prevent organizational activities.

Ry-Lock workers began organizing six weeks ago. At the end of three weeks of intensive organizing, Ry-Lock noted the steady flow of employees into the Federal Labor Union, and made a bid to ward off the inevitable with a general 2 to 10 cent an hour increase in wages.

### Continued Drive

However, the 40c-an-hour manumission and other skilled as well as unskilled workers continued their drive to organize Ry-Lock 100 per cent.

One more attempt was then made by the company to divert the workers from their determined stand. An announcement was posted, stating that employees were to assemble in the office after working hours. Any employee failing to appear, the announcement emphasized, was not to report for work the following day.

At this assemblage, a plea was made that the company was in the red. This, despite a recent expansion and an expenditure of many thousands for new equipment. The owner, Berolzheimer, is reported to be worth \$7,000,000.

Of 56 Ry-Lock workers, 44 are Federal Labor Union members. An employee, Gus Schmidt, reportedly offered a sharp rise in wages, refused to join. Furthermore, he attempted to steer workers into a "Welfare Club"—company union.

### Chief Driver

John Birr, recently appointed foreman for his scabbery in the Union Diesel plant, is Ry-Lock's chief driver. Men who snatch a few seconds of necessary rest, become the object of stern scrutiny by this prize rat.

During the Union Diesel strike, Birr sought to recruit scabs from among the men by advising them against remaining there at such low wages, etc., he offered them more pay if they transferred their services to Diesel. Scab-conscious, however, the workers rebuffed him.

When Birr became foreman at Ry-Lock, he systematically fired those men who had refused to

labor movement, but is filled with clipped news articles, cartoons and editorials, together with the huge red-baiting attacks which periodically take up a full page.

Fletcher is notorious also for his open flouting of the decisions of the Labor Council. The council during the election campaign endorsed Byron Scott, progressive democrat. Before the campaign was over the Labor News came out with a glowing endorsement, unauthorized, of James F. Collins, reactionary Republican running for the same office.

Fletcher and the Labor News have also virtually sabotaged the decision of the council to carry out a mass campaign against the Long Beach anti-picketing ordinance. This ordinance strongly affected the rank and file of the Teamsters during the recent Richmond Dairy strike, yet Fletcher heads the Labor Council ticket which the teamsters' official, Seltzer, dominates.

## ANTI-PICKET ACT SNEAKED OVER, OBISPO

### Supervisors Acted Fast Against Field Union Strikers

OCEANO—The striking Filipino field workers as well as progressives and liberals of this county were shocked to learn that an anti-picket ordinance first rumored on Monday, Jan. 18th, was passed on the same day.

Urged by growers and their attorney, the four supervisors present, Erhart, Ferrini, Twisselman and Chairman Arnold passed Ordinance No. 47, a measure that for subtle viciousness is best likened to the infamous California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

While the ordinance was rushed through, the text bears ample witness that the purported framers, Growers' attorney Dubin (a former district attorney in the county) and District Attorney Van Wormer, must have been well prepared and spent time to present a document that apex the worst of other anti-working class laws.

The local field workers' strike has been so peaceful that most citizens have little knowledge of it even from the press. But the same has not been felt by the growers while trying to break the strike.

To their every effort, refusal to negotiate with the union, false report of settlement by a return to the 35c scale without recognizing the union printed in local papers, wholesale search of pickets for weapons without finding any, arrest of eleven pickets on claims of assault and battery—to all these efforts the striking Filipino field workers did not give or weaken. Pickets reported that growers were arming scabs with shotguns and that in some camps the strikers were being run out of the camps; but the same pickets didn't say anything about quitting.

The best answer to the supervisors is immediate united action to protest and repeal the ordinance. Send post cards of protest to County Board of Supervisors, San Luis Obispo, County Court House, and phone, call, or visit the supervisor in your district.

## Protests Halt WPA Firings in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The Professional Projects Councils won a decisive victory in their first major fight when Loren Green, director of the Federal Music Project, announced Saturday, January 23, that the 200 workers who were to be dismissed, will remain "indefinitely" on the project.

Green added that he did not know, when, if ever, the proposed cut would be enforced. Vigorous protest, a wire to Harry Hopkins, National Director of WPA, and threats of mass picketing made by the Professional Projects Councils forced the speedy recapitulation in relief officials' plans to further cut Federal work projects.

With the lying statement that the company had offered to meet with the strike committee but were rejected, Bradley thrust the State Severance blank at the strikers and tried to high-pressure them to sign.

Mention of Social Security was made vaguely in an attempt to confuse the men. A few strikers signed, believing they were applying for Social Security. By signing this blank, they exposed themselves to arrest as vagrants.

Answering Bradley's lie, the strike committee walked into the office of the plant and were told U.S.L. had completely closed down.

This is another illustration of the need for Labor's own men in government offices. A Farmer-Labor government would not utilize its offices for strike-breaking purposes.

### Resume Picketing

SAN PEDRO—Active picketing has been resumed at "The Cookery" in San Pedro by the Culinary Alliance. This outfit and the Owl Drug store at 6th and Pacific are the sole remaining eating establishments on the unfair list in this town where public sentiment favoring unionization is overwhelming.

BANANA WORKERS STRIKE VILLA HERMOSA, Mexico.—Demanding higher wages, workers for the Southern Banana Co. have gone on strike here in the State of Tabasco.

## LIVELY DEBATE IN CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MARKS ISSUE OF UNIONS' SLATE IN POLLS

Buzzell Heads Reactionary Fight Against It But Progressives Show Great Strength Behind Issue

LOS ANGELES—Labor's course in the Spring Municipal Elections in this city was aired here at the January 22 meeting of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council. The meeting was the liveliest the Council has seen for a long while with a great number of delegates participating in the very

interesting debate. Several times delegates made motions for "previous question," but Chairman Sherman considered the debate of such great importance that he urged the delegates to continue discussions.

"Give everybody a chance to express his views on this highly important and serious problem," he said.

The delegates accepted this good advice of the Chairman and discussed the pros and cons of Labor's independent action in the coming municipal elections for over an hour.

A communication from Labor's Conference for municipal elections, formed in Los Angeles on January 10, for the purpose of organizing labor's independent action in cooperation with the liberal and progressive forces in that city for the coming spring elections, was the cause of the discussion.

### Second Conference Jan. 24

Calling the second conference for January 24, Labor's conference sent a communication to the Central Labor Council inviting the officers and delegates to attend the gathering at which further plans and a slate of candidates for the elections was to be worked out.

On the ground that the communication comes from an "outside body," and that the Central Labor Council through its "Joint Executive Committee can itself take care of the matter," Lotz, of the Typographical Union promptly made a motion that "the communication be tabled."

J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council, in upholding the motion to table the communication, declared that "Labor is not in a position to take independent political action without having the support of the community," despite scores of delegates pointing out that "labor must take an independent position in the coming elections," especially in view of the fact that progressive and liberal forces in the city are ready and willing to go into joint action with labor in the spring elections.

"Too long have we followed the policy of 'support your friends, and punish your enemies,' and every time we were allowed to pick between two crooks," argued J. W. Gillette, secretary of the Musicians' Union, and scores of other delegates.

### "Our Own Men"

"We have always said 'let the office seek the man, and not the man the office,'" stated Lee Guyer, of the Teachers' Union, former Assemblyman defeated in the last elections by but 200 votes. "Now we can decide upon offices and seek our own men," he added.

To this Buzzell retorted: "Men will always be running whenever they please, and you can't help it," urging that the old line of supporting the "proper candidate for office" be followed. Buzzell, and those delegates who supported him, declared that "this policy has proven successful for years" and urged that labor's unity be maintained in the elections.

Just how "successful" the policy of "supporting the best candidate" has proven can be seen in the resultant reactionary Shaw City Administration and the Fascist-like, hated Chief of Police Davis with his gangs of thugs and the infamous "Red Squad" daily beating up strikers while the "injunction" Judges carry out the wishes and dictates of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce in doing all they can to suppress labor.

The motion to "table the communication," was carried by 64-33.

Having voted for this motion, Gillette, of the Musicians' Union, made a strong appeal, which he called "for conciliation." He pleaded that the Central Labor Council should not ignore the over 40 local labor unions comprising Labor's Conference for Municipal Elections just because they did not follow "the right procedure." He pleaded for unity in the coming municipal elections.

tions and pointed to the need "of a Labor Party, and the need of united action in the coming municipal elections."

He then proposed a "committee of five be elected to attend the Conference and ask the Conference to come back to the Central Labor Council" so that there can be this unity desired at the present time.

This motion was unanimously adopted.

A committee was elected consisting of Buzzell, Gillette, Haggerty, Van Horn, McMurtry, and Lotz.

While the motion so worded attempts to limit the scope of the committee's work and the action of the Conference itself, still this action can become an instrument in the interests of Labor's independent political action.

There is a great possibility, through proper coordinated activity, to win the entire Central Labor Council and progressive and liberal forces outside the labor movement for joint work in the coming municipal elections.

## Kroehler Men Are Game After 3 Mos.

LOS ANGELES—Police brutality and the arrest of four workers characterized the mass picketing of 600 workers at the Kroehler Furniture Plant in Inglewood, Friday evening, Jan. 22, in the three months old strike of the Upholsterers' Union.

Four hundred striking maritime workers joined the upholsterers in picketing the scabby plant.

Scabs from the top of the building threw a brick which hit a Deputy sheriff on the head. Police tried to arrest one of the strikers, but was later forced to admit that he was not guilty.

On framed up charges of "assault and battery," one striker was arrested and mercilessly beaten by Officer Witty, of the Inglewood Police Force. Witty brutally hit the workers across the teeth with his club. The striker is out on \$50 bail.

Another worker arrested also for "battery" was released on \$50 bail, and a third, arrested for "malicious mischief," has been released on \$25 bail. The fourth is still being held on \$500 bail, charged with "interference of an officer."

J. Allen Frankel, International Labor Defense attorney, is taking over the cases.

## Buzzell Doesn't Like To Employ Lawyers Devoted to Labor

LOS ANGELES—Rather than go to lawyers in Los Angeles who have long been known for their untiring service in behalf of Labor, the Central Labor Council in Los Angeles has made arrangements with the law firm of Rosecrans and Emmet to handle all legal matters of the Council for the monthly sum of \$250.

This is not all, however. In any litigation in which local unions may be involved, a charge of \$25 a day for appearance in the Superior Court and \$15 a day for appearance in municipal Police Courts will be charged.

## Assembly Committee Okays Resolution For Modesto Probe

SACRAMENTO—A resolution to set up an assembly committee to investigate the Modesto Frameup will go before the assembly as a whole with the favorable recommendation of the rules committee, which favored it without opposition. Reactionary Charles Lyon, member of the committee, absented himself, however.

More than 100 representatives of labor and sympathetic organizations packed the room where the committee's hearing was held Tuesday night.